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There will be times in your life in which you will need to ask for help. And there are different ways of doing it.

Below you will find some useful expressions to ask for help:

- *Getting someone's attention*

- Excuse me, ...
- Pardon me, ...
- Sorry to bother you, but . . .

- *Asking the favor (from least formal to politest)*

- *Can you* open the door for me?
- *Will you* hand me a pencil?
- *Would you* turn on the air conditioner?
- *Could you* help me with these boxes?
- *Would you please* turn down the music?
- *Could you possibly* give me a ride home?
- *Would you mind taking* a picture for us?
- *Would you be so kind as* to lend me your cell phone?

- *Follow-up*

- Thanks for your help.
- Thank you so much.
- Thanks, I really appreciate it.



Now, go to your video section and watch the video: *“Asking for Help - Useful Expressions for learning English”*



Besides the situations you watched in the video, there are other times in which we need to ask for help; however, the vocabulary is very similar. You have the bases now!



GIVING AND ASKING FOR DIRECTIONS

There are different ways of giving and asking for directions. It all depends on the country in which you are located, as people give directions differently in many countries.

For example, in the United States, you give directions by giving the name of the streets in which places are located. In Costa Rica, you need to give directions based on landmarks (trees, signs, symbols, etc).

However, most directions can be adapted in order for people to understand it.





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Some useful expressions to say where places are located are:

1. GIVING DIRECTIONS

It's on Pine Street. *You can give the name of the street.*

It's on 4th Avenue. *You can give the number of the avenue.*

It's on the corner of Fourth and Pine. *When a place is located on a corner, you can give the name of the two streets next to it.*

It's next to the bank. *You can mention other establishments next to the place.*

It's across from the school. *You can mention something that is located on the other side of the street (if you cross the street).*

It's in Yeonsu Dong across from the CGV theater *You can give more than one reference (street name and location, for example).*





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2. SUBWAY OR BUS DIRECTIONS

There are times in which it might be needed to ask someone about: What bus to take? Where to get off? Where to transfer? Some useful expressions for this are:

Take the Green Line to Central Station. *Explain where the train station is.*

Transfer to the Main Line. *Sometimes, you need to transfer from one train to another one. Be careful, as there might be many entrances!*

Get off at Market Station. *Telling people where to get off the bus / train*

Go out exit number 4. *Telling people which exit to take.*

3. DIRECTIONS BY FOOT OR BY CAR

Directions change when you are walking from directions when you are driving. Some useful expressions are:

Go down Main Street to Broadway. *Explain if the person needs to go down on a specific street.*

Turn left on Broadway. *Explain where the person needs to make a turn.*

It's on your right. *Explain what side of the street the place is or where the person will see it.*





4. DIRECTIONS BY CAR ROUTE

Another way of giving directions is by mentioning car routes. Let's see some useful expressions:

Take coastal highway. *Mention highways*

Take the Westminster turn off. *Mention exits or turn offs.*

Go over (Take) the Alex Fraser Bridge. *Mention bridges.*

Go through (Take) the Massey Tunnel. *Mention tunnels as well.*



Other important expressions to use are:

Can you tell me where the library is?

I don't know where the theater is.

Can you tell me how to get to the airport?

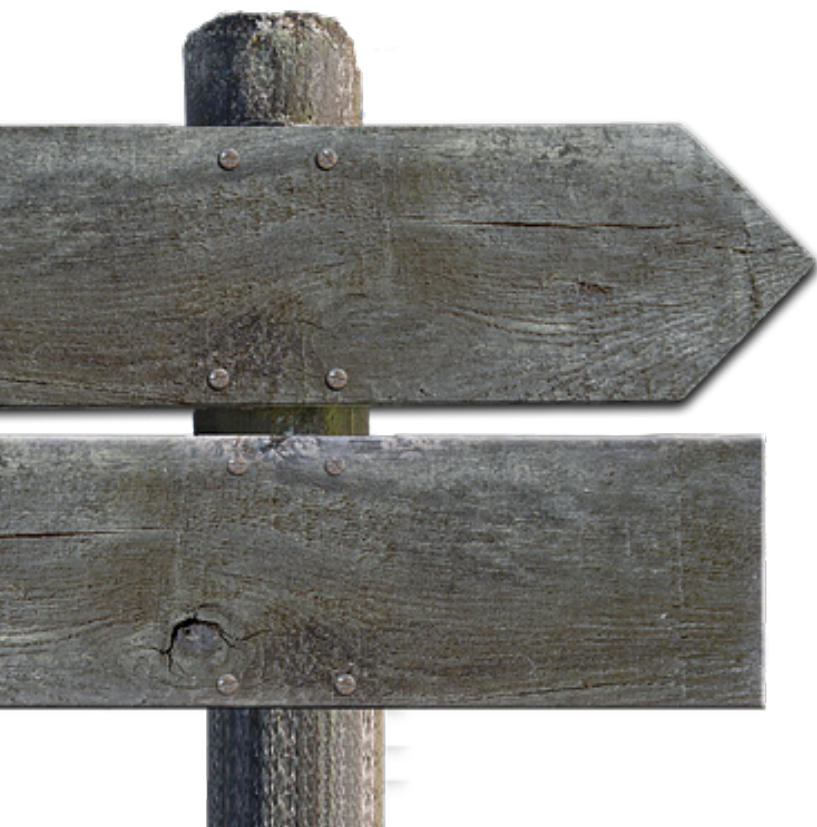
You can't miss it.

I'm lost.

Which way is the hotel?

Right in front of you.

It's on the second floor.



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