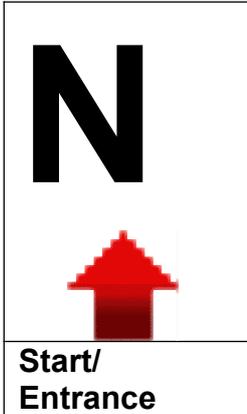


## Giving Directions- Free and Controlled Speaking

### Giving directions free speaking

Place the “N” card on the table or floor, preferably really facing North, and the “Start” card near the bottom or left of the table or floor.



Choose one card and ask your partner where to put it (on the table or floor). They can give directions and/ or positions, e.g. “Go straight for five seconds. Turn right. Go straight one centimetre” and/ or “It’s opposite the house”. Silly places (“The school is under the hospital” etc) are also okay. You aren’t allowed to point/ use gestures, so if anything isn’t clear, please repeat and/ or explain in a different way. If your partner says “in”, fold the other piece of paper and put it around that card. Blank spaces and blank cards mean you have a free choice. The person listening should write the things that is said (e.g. “hat shop”) on the card and then put it where they are told to.

Change roles and do the same again with different cards. Continue asking about position and placing that card in the place that is said until all the cards are finished, until there is no more space on the table, or until your teacher stops the game. You can also combine two or more cards in your question or answer. If an answer is about two things which aren’t on the table yet, e.g. “The photocopy paper is on the filing cabinet” in answer to “Where is the photocopy paper?”, you can either ask where the other thing is or choose yourself.

To play with the inside cards, place a blank piece of paper on the table or floor to represent each floor of the building as each floor is mentioned.

### Variations

Instead of placing the cards, it is also possible to draw and/ or write the names of things on the board and/ or paper.

### More controlled giving directions speaking

Give instructions to places without saying which you are thinking of and see if your partner can guess what you are talking about (this time just looking at the cards, not moving around between them).

**Useful language for starting the conversation**

- Excuse me/ Sorry to disturb you. I'm a bit lost./ Do you work here?/ Can you help me?

**Useful language for asking for directions**

- Is there a... (around/ near) here?
- Do you know the way to.../ how to get to.../ where... is?
- Can/ Could you tell me where... is/ the way to...?

**Useful language for giving directions**

- It takes (about) ... seconds (on foot/ by taxi/ by car).
- It is (about)... seconds/ centimetres/ millimetres (North/ South/...)
- Go towards/ Head towards...
- Go straight (on/ ahead)/ Go back (... minutes/... metres).
- Go past/ Pass...
- Go along...
- Go across/ Cross...
- Go around...
- Go over...
- Turn left (and left again)/ "Take the... street/ corridor/ turning/ door on the left
- It's the second/ third/... (turning/ door) on your right./ Take the... turning on the right.
- It's downstairs/ Go down the stairs. – It's upstairs/ Go up the stairs.
- You will see it/ a... next to/ in front of/ opposite/ behind/... you.
- It's (just/ right) next to/ beside/ by...
- It's (directly) opposite...
- It's (just/ right) in front of... – It's (just/ right) behind...
- It's on/ above/ over... – It's below/ under/ beneath...
- It's near/ close to...
- It's between... and...
- It's on... Street/ Road/ Avenue/....
- It's on the corner of... (and...).
- It's on the first/ second / third/ fourth/ ...th floor.
- It's on this floor.

**Checking/ Clarifying/ Confirming**

- Sorry, can you say that again (a little more slowly)?
- Sorry, did you say...?/ Sorry, do you mean...?
- Can I check that back?

**Useful phrases for ending giving directions conversations**

- Okay, got it (now), thanks.
- (That's very clear.) Thanks for your help.
- (You're welcome./ No problem.) Have a good day.



**Places outdoors cards**

|                                  |   |  |
|----------------------------------|---|--|
| _____ Alley                      | amusement arcade/ video arcade                      | animal hospital/ vet's                   |
| _____ Flats/<br>_____ Apartments | aquarium  | art gallery/ museum/ The _____ Museum    |
| ATM/ cash machine/<br>cashpoint  | B&B/ bed and breakfast                              | bank/ _____<br>Bank                      |
| bar/ pub                         | barber('s)/ hairdresser's/<br>hair salon            | beach/ _____<br>Beach                    |
| bookshop                         | bureau de change                                    | bus station/ coach station               |
| bus stop (for...)                | café/ coffee shop                                   | campsite                                 |
| canal/ _____<br>Canal            | castle/ _____<br>Castle                             | chemist's/ pharmacy                      |
| Chinese restaurant               | church/ cathedral/<br>_____ Church                  | cinema/ movie theater                    |
| clinic/ _____<br>Clinic          | club/ nightclub/ disco                              | college/ university/<br>_____ University |
| concert hall/ opera house        | convenience store                                   | (zebra/ pedestrian) crossing             |
| department store                 | estate agent/ real estate<br>agent/ realtor         | Green Road                               |
| gym/ sports centre               | _____ Hill  | hospital/ _____<br>Hospital              |
| hostel/ youth hostel             | hotel/ _____<br>Hotel                               | Indian restaurant/ curry<br>house        |
| Japanese restaurant              | kindergarten/ nursery<br>school/ _____ Kindergarten | lake/ pond/ _____<br>Lake/ _____ Pond    |
| laundrette/ laundromat           | library/ _____<br>Library                           | London Road                              |

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|---|--|--|
| Main Street                                   | flea market/<br>_____ Market                         | antiques market/<br>_____ Market           |
| farmers' market/<br>_____ Market              | Sunday market/<br>_____ Market                       | mountain/<br>_____ Mountain                |
| music shop                                    | off license/ liquor store                            | _____ Building                             |
| park/<br>_____ Park                           | pet salon  | pet shop/<br>_____ Pets                    |
| petrol station/ gas station                   | phone booth/ phone box/<br>public telephone          | police box/ police station                 |
| (ferry) port                                  | post box   | post office                                |
| river/<br>_____ River                         | riverfront/ waterside                                | roundabout/ traffic circle                 |
| primary school/ elementary school             | secondary school/ high school                        | the statue of<br>_____                     |
| sea/ seaside                                  | shopping centre/ shopping mall                       | shrine/ temple/<br>Shrine/<br>_____ Temple |
| smoking area                                  | souvenir shop  | sports shop                                |
| (train) station                               | underground station/ tube station/<br>subway station | supermarket                                |
| (conveyor belt) sushi bar                     | (outdoor/ indoor) pool/<br>swimming pool             | taxi rank                                  |
| theatre/<br>_____ Theatre                     | amusement park/ theme park                           | (public) toilet                            |
| (baseball/ football/ ...)<br>stadium/ ground/ | toy shop   | tram stop/ streetcar stop                  |
| zoo/<br>_____ Zoo                             | dry cleaner's  | somewhere I can<br>_____                   |

**Places in an office building vocabulary cards**

|  |                                    |                                    |                                 |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Limited/ Ltd                             | Associates                         | Corp                               | Japan                           |
| PLC                                      | Inc.                               | Corporation                        | Partners                        |
| ATM/ cash machine/<br>cashpoint          | balcony                            | bin/ garbage can/<br>trashcan      | board room                      |
| building<br>management office            | caretaker/ janitor                 | cloakroom                          | cleaners                        |
| café/ coffee shop                        | cafeteria/ canteen                 | car park/ parking lot              | cigarette machine               |
| clinic/ (doctor's)<br>surgery            | convenience store                  | courtyard                          | disabled toilet                 |
| drinks machine                           | elevator hall                      | emergency exit                     | emergency<br>staircase          |
| escalator to the<br>mezzanine            | express elevator                   | fire extinguisher                  | first aid kit                   |
| (sunken/ rooftop)<br>garden              | lift/ elevator                     | locker room/<br>changing room      | locker(s)                       |
| main entrance                            | meeting room                       | Mr _____'s<br>office               | Ms _____'s<br>office            |
| night entrance/ out<br>of hours entrance | (jobs/ residents')<br>noticeboard  | parking space                      | patio                           |
| phone box/ public<br>telephone           | post box                           | rear entrance/ back<br>entrance    | reception (desk)/<br>front desk |
| sculpture/ statue                        | security gate/<br>security barrier | security guards'<br>office         | smoking area/<br>smoking room   |
| mop (and bucket)                         | somewhere I can sit                | somewhere I can<br>charge my phone | somewhere I can<br>buy _____    |



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|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| somewhere I can get _____ | somewhere I can _____ | somewhere I can get rid of _____ | staff room                  |
| stairs to the basement    | taxi rank             | teleconference room              | terrace                     |
| the _____ department      | the _____ division    | toilet/ rest-/ powder-/ bathroom | vending machine             |
| water fountain            | wheelchair ramp       | wifi hotspot                     | somewhere I can leave _____ |
| lost property office      | dry cleaner's         |                                  |                             |

**Things and places in an office vocabulary**

|                                     |                                 |  |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| a/ the cable for...                 | the assistant/ vice...          | (recycling) bin/<br>trashcan             | (extra) chairs                      |
| coffee                              | coffee machine                  | control panel (for<br>the lighting /...) | copy machine/<br>photocopier        |
| the (extension) cord<br>(for...)    | creamer                         | ...’s cubicle                            | (my/ your/...’s) desk               |
| drawing pins/<br>thumbtacks         | drinks machine                  | fire extinguisher                        | the button to turn<br>off.../ to... |
| glue (stick)/ Pritt<br>stick        | the head of...                  | hole punch                               | hoover/ vacuum<br>cleaner           |
| kettle                              | kitchen (area)                  | (printable/ sticky)<br>labels            | (spare/ LED) light<br>bulbs         |
| (radio) mic/<br>microphone          | (...) noticeboard               | changing rooms                           | lockers/ locker room                |
| the CEO’s office/<br>...’s office   | ...’s PA/ secretary             | (photocopy/ scrap/<br>A4/ A3) paper      | paperclips                          |
| (highlighter/<br>ballpoint) pens    | pencil sharpener                | the person who<br>deals with...          | a/ the place where I<br>can hang... |
| a/ the place where I<br>can keep... | a/ the place where I<br>can...  | the place where...                       | Post Its/ Post It<br>notes          |
| projector                           | rubber band(s)                  | (a pair of) scissors                     | (Sello/ Scotch) tape                |
| (book) shelves                      | (paper/ document)<br>shredder   | sink                                     | first aid kit                       |
| socket/ electrical<br>outlet        | (date) stamp                    | stapler/ staples                         | storeroom/ supply<br>room           |
| (ring) binders                      | ... charger(s)                  | correction fluid/<br>Tippex/ Whiteout    | (paper) cups/ mugs                  |
| digital voice<br>recorders          | (top/ middle/<br>bottom) drawer | (A4/ brown)<br>envelopes                 | fax (machine)                       |

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| the... files                            | (clear) folders                 | franking machine                       | guillotine                        |
| headsets                                | the hot desks                   | ink pads                               | laptops                           |
| the person in charge of...              | the person responsible for...   | the person who...                      | petty cash                        |
| the... section/<br>division/ department | server                          | the stationery cupboard                | sugar/ sweetener                  |
| the switch for...                       | tablets/ iPads                  | tea(bags)                              | tea towels                        |
| teaspoons                               | (wo)(men's) toilet/<br>bathroom | toilet rolls/ toilet paper             | toner                             |
| umbrella rack                           | vending machine                 | washing up liquid/<br>detergent        | water cooler/ water dispenser     |
| (red/ blue/...)<br>whiteboard pens      | mop (and bucket)                | board room                             | (tele/video)<br>conference room   |
| (main/ night/ staff)<br>entrance        | elevator (hall)                 | meeting room                           | intercom                          |
| lost property office                    | dry cleaner's                   | table tennis table/<br>ping pong table | foosball table/ table<br>football |
| heater                                  | IT support (person/<br>section) | fan                                    | safe/ lockable<br>drawer          |
| East entrance                           | beanbags                        | chillout area                          | laminator                         |
| deliveries (entrance)                   | warehouse                       | pigeon holes                           | suggestions box                   |

**Places in a home vocabulary**

|  |                           |                             |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| airing cupboard                                | attic/ loft               | bedding                     |
| (recycling) bin/ trashcan/<br>garbage can      | blankets                  | bowl(s)                     |
| clean...                                       | cable for.../ cord for... | cup(s)                      |
| desk   | dining room               | extra...                    |
| first aid box                                  | band aids/ plasters       | (chest) freezer             |
| fridge/ refrigerator                           | fruit                     | glass                       |
| ice (cubes)                                    | jam                       | kitchen roll                |
| (desk) lamp                                    | light bulb(s)             | living room                 |
| master bedroom                                 | milk                      | mirror                      |
| my/ your/... 's (bed)room                      | my...                     | napkin(s)/ serviette(s)     |
| pillow(s)                                      | pillow case(s)            | place where I can find...   |
| place where I can hang...                      | place where I can keep... | place where I can put...    |
| place where I can throw<br>away/ dispose of... | place where I can...      | (side/ dinner) plate(s)     |
| (kitchen/ dinner/ carving)<br>knife/ knives    | remote control (for...)   | (top/ bottom) sheet(s)      |
| soap/ shampoo/ shower gel                      | sink/ washbasin           | socket/ (electrical) outlet |



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|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| spare bedroom/ guest room | spare...                                   | (tea/ dessert/ serving/ soup) spoon |
| switch for...             | (kitchen/ living room/ coffee) table       | toilet                              |
| toilet roll/ toilet paper | vegetables                                 | utility room                        |
| wardrobe                  | washing machine                            | washing up liquid/ detergent        |
| cling film/ Saran wrap    | (shopping/ plastic/ carrier/ rubbish) bags | tea towels                          |

**Natural places vocabulary/ Countryside vocabulary**

|                        |                       |                |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| cliff                  | mountain/ peak        | mountain range |
| hill                   | desert                | river          |
| stream                 | beach/ coastline      | wood/ forest   |
| pond/ lake             | plain                 | valley         |
| plateau                | village               | farm           |
| farmhouse              | barn                  | meadow         |
| bay/ (natural) harbour | estuary               | gulf           |
| ocean                  | (natural/ hot) spring | island         |
| lagoon                 | waterfall             | sea            |
| cave                   | field                 | national park  |
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**Phrases for asking for and giving directions brainstorming**

*Without looking above, brainstorm suitable phrases into the gaps below.*

**Useful language for starting the conversation**

**Useful language for asking for directions**

**Useful language for giving directions (and positions)**

**Useful phrases for checking/ clarifying**

**Useful phrases for ending giving directions conversations**

*Use the key words below to help with the task above.*

**Useful language for starting the conversation**

help  
disturb  
lost

**Useful language for asking for directions**

here  
anywhere  
know  
tell

**Useful language for giving directions**

takes  
seconds  
head  
go  
turn  
left  
second  
stairs  
see  
it's  
floor

**Useful phrases for checking/ clarifying**

again  
did  
do  
check

**Useful phrases for ending giving directions conversations**

got  
clear  
good

*Check with the list of suggested phrases, then brainstorm more.*

*Compare your ideas for (slightly or very) different phrases as a class.*

## **Places vocabulary**

*Test each other on similar words on the cards (divided by /).*

*Choose a category such as “shops” and see how many suitable words your partner can come up with.*

*First of all without looking at the cards, brainstorm suitable words into the categories below. Many words can go in more than one place, and many words not on the cards are also possible.*

### **Places to eat and drink**

### **Places connected to animals**

### **Places to stay/ sleep/ live**

### **Places related to your appearance**

### **Places related to travel/ journeys**

### **Places related to health and fitness**

### **Places related to law and order**

### **Places related to religion**

### **Places related to education**



**Sightseeing spots/ Photo spots**

**Natural places/ Green spaces**

**Nightlife**

**Places related to the arts**

**Other places to spend your free time/ Entertainment spots**

**Other places to buy things**

**Names of streets**

**Places related to money**

**Places related to communications**

*Find suitable words on the cards, then brainstorm more.*

*Compare your extra ideas as a class.*

*Do the same for places inside buildings with the following page.*

**Places in a building vocabulary brainstorming**  
**The final word of the names of companies**

**People and places connected to cleanliness/ hygiene**

**Places related to health and safety**

**Places connected to food and drink**

**Places to leave things/ Places where things are kept**

**Places outside a building**

**Places related to getting to other places**

**Places related to communication**

**Building staff/ Places where the building's staff work**

**Technology/ Machines**

**Places related to rest and relaxation**