

Without looking below, match up pairs of the cards that you are given by meaning.

All the cards can be divided into two categories. Can you guess what they are?

Divide the cards into those two categories, then check with the worksheet below.

Choose a real place in the UK or USA with your partner and pretend you are asking for and giving directions there, perhaps using a map of the place to help you.

Perform your dialogue for another group. They will use language and other hints to guess the place.

Roleplay a directions conversation between one person who speaks American English and one person who speaks British English, with them at least sometimes misunderstanding each other.

Do the same, but using the words on the cards and placing the cards down as you do so.

What phrases can you use if you want to check someone's directions?

Giving directions in British and American English

across from the station	opposite the station
apartment	flat
apartment block	block of flats
parking lot	car park
drugstore/ pharmacy	chemist's
(movie) theater	cinema
downtown	city centre/ town centre
city hall	town hall
crosswalk	pedestrian crossing/ zebra crossing
realtor	estate agent
expressway/ highway	motorway
first floor	ground floor
flyover	overpass
yard	garden
gas station	petrol station



grade crossing	level crossing
hardware store	ironmonger
main street	high street
intersection	junction
liquor store	off license
newsstand	newsagent('s)
sidewalk	pavement
telephone booth	phone box
traffic circle/ rotary	roundabout
streetcar/ trolley	tram
subway	underground (railway)
underpass	subway
traffic signals/ stoplights	traffic lights
toward	towards
kilometers	kilometres

Answers: American English ones are on the left above.