English A1 Unit 8: Around Town

Places in town, transport and directions for adult beginners: imperatives for directions and signs, can / can't with object pronouns, and prepositions like opposite, between, along and past. 9 worksheets with answer keys.

ENGLISH A1 · UNIT 8

Around Town

After this unit you can:

- ☐ I can name places in a town and say where they are.
- ☐ I can ask for and understand simple directions.
- ☐ I can make simple requests and ask for help (Can you help me? Can I have a ticket, please?).
- ☐ I can understand simple signs and notices and say how I travel to work.

9 printable worksheets · answer keys included

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ENGLISH A1 · UNIT 8 · VOCABULARY Name: _____ Date: _____

Places in town

Focus: places in town: bank, post office, station, museum, pharmacy, car park ...

PLACES IN TOWN

bank **post office** **supermarket** **market** **café** **restaurant** **hotel** **hospital** **pharmacy** **police station** **station** **bus stop** **airport** **park** **cinema** **museum** **library** **car park**

1 Match the places and the sentences.

1. hospital	a. You can park your car here.
2. restaurant	b. You can send a card from here.
3. library	c. You go shopping for food here.
4. museum	d. There are a lot of books here.
5. supermarket	e. Doctors and nurses work here.
6. station	f. You can see old pictures here.
7. post office	g. Trains stop here.
8. car park	h. You have lunch or dinner here.

2 Choose the correct place.

Example: Police officers work at the _____. (hotel / police station / park) → police station

1. Wait at the _____. The number 5 bus stops there at nine. (bus stop / car park / bridge)
2. Lena is at the _____. She has a room there for two nights. (hospital / hotel / library)
3. Our plane is at ten. We're at the _____ now. (station / airport / museum)
4. Ali works at the _____. He sells fruit and vegetables there. (market / bank / cinema)
5. I'd like a coffee. Is there a _____ near here? (church / park / café)
6. On Sundays we walk in the _____ opposite our flat. (park / pharmacy / post office)
7. Omar is a teacher. He works at a _____ in the city centre. (hospital / school / hotel)
8. The _____ is next to the hospital. It's open at night. (bridge / pharmacy / square)

ANSWER KEY

1 1 e, 2 h, 3 d, 4 f, 5 c, 6 g, 7 b, 8 a **2** 1 bus stop, 2 hotel, 3 airport, 4 market, 5 café, 6 park, 7 school, 8 pharmacy

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Transport and directions

Focus: transport (train, taxi, metro ...) and directions (straight on, far, on foot, by bus)

1 Put the words in the correct column.

train bridge taxi square bike church boat shop metro street

Transport	Places in town

ticket driver map far near on foot by bus straight on ride drive

2 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

Example: The station is _____ my flat. It's five minutes on foot. → near

1. I walk to work. It's ten minutes _____.
2. Can I have a _____ to the airport, please?
3. The taxi _____ is from Iran. His name is Omar.
4. Is the museum _____? No, it's two minutes from here.
5. Don't turn here. Go _____ to the traffic lights.
6. Sara goes to work _____. The number 12 bus stops near her flat.
7. You can _____ a bike in the park. It's a nice way to see it.
8. Here's a _____ of the city centre. The hotel is here.
9. I don't walk to work. I _____ my car.

ANSWER KEY

1 Transport: train, taxi, bike, boat, metro | Places in town: bridge, square, church, shop, street **2** 1 on foot, 2 ticket, 3 driver, 4 far, 5 straight on, 6 by bus, 7 ride, 8 map, 9 drive

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ENGLISH A1 · UNIT 8 · GRAMMAR Name: _____ Date: _____

Imperatives: directions and signs

Focus: imperatives, affirmative and negative (Turn left. Don't cross here.); signs; then / after that

GRAMMAR: IMPERATIVES

For directions and instructions, use the verb without a subject: **Turn** left. **Go** straight on. **Take** the first road on the right.

Negative: **Don't** + verb: Don't cross here. Don't park at the bus stop.

Signs: Push / Pull · Open / Closed · Exit · No smoking · Please wait.

Two steps: Go along the street. **Then** turn right. / **After that**, cross the bridge.

1 Complete the table.

Affirmative	Negative
Turn right.	_____ turn right.
_____ straight on.	Don't go straight on.
Cross the road here.	Don't _____ the road here.
_____ the first road.	Don't take the first road.

take go turn don't push then cross wait after

2 Complete the directions with the words in the box.

Example: _____ to the station. It's five minutes. → Walk

1. _____ the second road on the left.
2. _____ along the street for five minutes.
3. Don't _____ left or right. Go straight on.
4. _____ cross the road here. Cross at the traffic lights.
5. The sign on the door is 'Pull'. Don't _____ it.
6. Go to the end of the street. _____ you can see the station.
7. _____ the road at the traffic lights, not here.
8. Please _____ here. The manager is on the phone.
9. Go straight on. _____ that, turn right at the café.

ANSWER KEY

1 1 Don't, 2 Go, 3 cross, 4 Take **2** 1 Take, 2 Go, 3 turn, 4 Don't, 5 push, 6 Then, 7 Cross, 8 wait, 9 After

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Can / can't and object pronouns

Focus: can / can't for requests and permission; object pronouns me, him, her, it, us, them

GRAMMAR: CAN / CAN'T

Can + verb: Can you help me? Can I have a ticket? Can we park here? Sorry, you can't.
Object pronouns: I → **me**, you → **you**, he → **him**, she → **her**, it → **it**, we → **us**, they → **them**. Can you help **us**?

1 Choose the correct object pronoun.

Example: This is my ticket. Can you see _____? (it / they) → it

1. Maria is new here. Can you help _____? (she / her)
2. That's Mr Lee, the manager. Can you see _____? (he / him)
3. Excuse me, we're new here. Can you help _____? (us / we)
4. The tickets are two pounds. Can I have _____, please? (they / them)
5. Can you drive _____ to the airport, please? (I / me)

2 Complete with can or can't.

Example: _____ you help me? Where's the post office? → Can

1. Sorry, you _____ park here. It's a bus stop.
2. The museum is near. You _____ walk there in five minutes.
3. _____ I have two tickets to the city centre, please?
4. No smoking! You _____ smoke here.
5. _____ we have the bill, please? We're late.

3 Put the words in order.

Example: metro / the / I / take / can / ? → Can I take the metro?

1. help / you / can / me / with / the / map / ?

   _____

2. a / I / have / can / ticket / ?

   _____

3. can't / I / see / it

   _____

4. take / the / you / can / metro / .

   _____

ANSWER KEY

1 1 her, 2 him, 3 us, 4 them, 5 me **2** 1 can't, 2 can, 3 Can, 4 can't, 5 Can **3** 1 Can you help me with the map? | 2 Can I have a ticket? | 3 I can't see it. | 4 You can take the metro.

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ENGLISH A1 · UNIT 8 · AROUND TOWN · GRAMMAR Name: _____ Date: _____

Prepositions for directions

Focus: prepositions for directions: opposite, between, on the corner, at the end of, along, across, past, from ... to

GRAMMAR: WHERE IS IT? HOW DO I GET THERE?

Place: **opposite** the bank · **between** two shops · **on the corner** · **at the end of** the street

Movement: **along** the road · **across** the bridge · **past** the museum · **from** the station **to** the park

How do I get to the station? · How far is it? It's ten minutes on foot.

1 Choose the correct preposition.

Example: The pharmacy is _____ the right. (on / in) → on

1. The café is _____ the bank and the post office. (between / along)
2. Go _____ the street to the traffic lights. (between / along)
3. Walk _____ the hospital and turn left. (past / from)
4. The hotel is _____ the end of the road. (on / at)
5. The library is _____ the corner of Park Street. (on / in)
6. Go _____ the bridge. The station is on your left. (next to / across)

2 Correct the mistake in each sentence.

Example: Turn left on the traffic lights. → Turn left at the traffic lights.

1. How far it is? About ten minutes.

_____

2. The station is in the end of the street.

_____

3. How I get to the museum?

_____

3 Put the words in order.

Example: it / far / how / is / ? → How far is it?

1. there / near / post office / is / a / here / ?

_____

2. the / I / get / do / to / how / airport / ?

_____

3. opposite / the / it's / cinema

_____

ANSWER KEY

1 1 between, 2 along, 3 past, 4 at, 5 on, 6 across **2** 1 How far is it? About ten minutes. | 2 The station is at the end of the street. | 3 How do I get to the museum? **3** 1 Is there a post office near here? | 2 How do I get to the airport? | 3 It's opposite the cinema.

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ENGLISH A1 · UNIT 8 · READING Name: _____ Date: _____

Reading: How to get to our office

Focus: reading an email with directions: imperatives, prepositions of movement, there is / are, can

Subject: How to get to our office

Dear Lena,

Welcome to the company! From the station, take the number 7 bus to Park Street. The bus stop is opposite the museum. Then walk along Park Street, past the library. There's a pharmacy on the corner. Turn left there. Our office is at the end of the road. It's next to the bank. It's five minutes on foot. Push the door and wait in the hall. Don't go upstairs. I'm in room 4, on the left. See you on Monday at nine!

Best wishes,

Maria

1 Read the email. True or false?

1. Lena takes the number 7 bus from the station. ☐ T ☐ F
2. The bus stop is next to the museum. ☐ T ☐ F
3. There's a library on Park Street. ☐ T ☐ F
4. The pharmacy is at the end of the road. ☐ T ☐ F
5. The office is ten minutes on foot from the bus stop. ☐ T ☐ F
6. Maria's room is on the left. ☐ T ☐ F

2 Answer the questions about the email.

Example: Who is the email from? → It's from Maria.

1. Where is the bus stop?

_____

2. What is on the corner?

_____

3. What does Lena do at the door?

_____

4. When does Lena start?

_____

ANSWER KEY

1 1 T, 2 F, 3 T, 4 F, 5 F, 6 T **2** 1 It's opposite the museum. | 2 There's a pharmacy on the corner. | 3 She pushes the door and waits in the hall. | 4 On Monday at nine.

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ENGLISH A1 · UNIT 8 · EVERYDAY ENGLISH Name: _____ Date: _____

Everyday English: Asking the way

Focus: asking for and giving directions; buying a ticket; Is it far? How do you get to work?

Model dialogue: in the street

Ali: Excuse me, where's the museum?
Tom: It's on Station Road, opposite the park.
Ali: Is it far?
Tom: No, it's about five minutes on foot.
Ali: How do I get there?
Tom: Go straight on and turn right at the bank.

PRONUNCIATION

can is weak /kən/, **can't** is strong /kɑːnt/. Stress the key words: TURN LEFT at the BANK.

far **left** **ticket** **pounds** **straight** **opposite** **get** **minutes**

1 At the station — Complete the dialogue with the words in the box.

Sara: Excuse me, can I have a _____ to the city centre, please?
Ken: Here you are. That's four _____.
Sara: Thanks. And how do I _____ to the Park Hotel?
Ken: Go _____ on and turn _____ at the traffic lights. The hotel is _____ the cinema.
Sara: Is the hotel _____?
Ken: No, it's about ten _____ on foot.

2 Match the questions and the answers.

1. Do you go to work by bus?
2. Where's the post office?
3. Is the station far?
4. Can I have two tickets, please?
5. How do I get to the library?
6. Can we park here?

a. No, it's two minutes on foot.
b. Sorry, you can't. It's for taxis.
c. Here you are. That's six pounds.
d. It's on the corner, next to the bank. You can see it.
e. No, by metro.
f. Go across the bridge and turn right.

ANSWER KEY

1 1 ticket, 2 pounds, 3 get, 4 straight, 5 left, 6 opposite, 7 far, 8 minutes **2** 1 e, 2 d, 3 a, 4 c, 5 f, 6 b

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ENGLISH A1 · UNIT 8 · AROUND TOWN · WRITING Name: _____ Date: _____

Writing: An email with directions

Focus: a short email with directions to your home or workplace; subject line, Hi / Dear, Best wishes

1 Complete the email phrases with: Subject, Hi, from, turn, wishes.

Example: _____ Sara, → Dear

1. _____: Directions to my flat
2. _____ Tom,
3. The bus stop is two minutes _____ my house.
4. Go along Green Street and _____ right at the café.
5. Best _____, Anna

WRITING TIP: EMAIL LAYOUT

Write a short **subject line**. Start with **Hi** or **Dear** + name. End with **Best wishes** or **See you soon** + your name.

2 Write an email to a friend with directions to your home or workplace (30-50 words).

MODEL

Subject: How to get to my flat
Hi Elena,
From the station, go along King Street. Turn left at the pharmacy. My flat is opposite the park, next to a small café. It's about ten minutes on foot. I usually go home by metro. See you on Saturday!
Best wishes, Omar

- a subject line and Hi / Dear + your friend's name
- from the station or bus stop: turn, go along, past, opposite
- how far it is, how you usually travel, and Best wishes + your name

Self-check: capital letters and full stops · subject + verb word order · this unit's grammar · this unit's words · the right length

ANSWER KEY

1 1 Subject, 2 Hi, 3 from, 4 turn, 5 wishes

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ENGLISH A1 · UNIT 8 · AROUND TOWN · UNIT REVIEW Name: _____ Date: _____

Unit 8 review

Focus: imperatives, can / can't, object pronouns, prepositions for directions, places and transport

1 Choose the correct word.

1. _____ left at the hotel and go straight on. (Turn / Turns / Turning)
2. _____ cross the road here. (Not / Don't / No)
3. Can you help _____? We're new here. (we / us / our)
4. The bank is _____ the café and the pharmacy. (between / along / across)
5. How _____ is the market? Two minutes. (old / far / near)
6. Sara goes to work _____ bus. (on / in / by)
7. _____ I have a ticket to the airport, please? (Can / Do / Am)
8. Walk _____ the museum and turn right. (across / past / between)
9. The hotel is ten minutes _____ foot. (on / by / at)

2 Complete with: can't, straight, on, then, opposite.

1. Go _____ on along Station Road to the square.
2. The station is _____ the hospital. You can see it from here.
3. Sorry, you _____ park in the square. It's a market today.
4. Take the first road _____ the right.
5. Go past the church. _____ turn left at the bank.

3 Correct the mistake in each sentence.

Example: Can you help she? → Can you help her?

1. Can you help I?

_____

2. Don't to park here.

_____

4 Match the questions and the answers.

1. Excuse me, where's the bank?	a. No, sorry. The car park is on the left.
2. How far is the airport?	b. Yes. Go along this street. It's on the right.
3. Can I park in the square?	c. I ride my bike.
4. How do you get to the office?	d. Yes. Here you are. That's eight pounds.
5. Is there a pharmacy near here?	e. About thirty minutes by taxi.
6. Can I have a ticket to London?	f. It's on the corner, opposite the hotel.

ANSWER KEY

1 1 Turn, 2 Don't, 3 us, 4 between, 5 far, 6 by, 7 Can, 8 past, 9 on **2** 1 straight, 2 opposite, 3 can't, 4 on, 5 Then **3** 1 Can you help me? | 2 Don't park here. **4** 1 f, 2 e, 3 a, 4 c, 5 b, 6 d

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