



UNIT 7A · GENERAL A1

Where is it?

Class Book and Workbook · one complete unit

By the end you will...

- Name common places in town: bank, café, park, station, supermarket, pharmacy
- Use prepositions of place: in, on, next to, opposite, between, near, behind, in front of
- Ask for and give simple directions with 'Go straight on', 'Turn left/right'
- Say where a place is using 'It's next to...' and 'It's between... and...'
- Understand and use a simple street map

Warm-up · Places near you

Think about your town or city. Answer with short sentences.

- Name three places near your home.
- Is there a park near your home? Is it big or small?
- What place do you visit every week?

1. Lead-in · What do you need first?

You are in a new town for one day. Put these places in order: 1 = the most important for you.

ITEMS (SHUFFLE IN YOUR HEAD)

- a supermarket
- a pharmacy
- a bank
- a station
- a park
- a café

Which of these places is near your home? Say where it is.

2. Reading · A small town map

This is the centre of a small town. The bank is on Main Street, next to the supermarket. The pharmacy is opposite the bank, between the bakery and the café.

The park is behind the station. It's a quiet place with trees and a small lake. Many people walk there in the morning.

The school is in front of the park, near the bus stop. Children walk to school every day because it's not far from their homes.

Comprehension

Where is the bank?

Where is the park?

Why do children walk to school?

2b. Words in the text

Match the word with the meaning.

- opposite
on the other side, facing something
- between
with one thing on each side

- behind
at the back of something
- bus stop
the place where you wait for a bus

2c. Talk about the text

Answer in one or two sentences.

- Is your town centre similar to this one?
Answer key: Model: My town is similar. The bank is next to a café and the park is near the station.
- What is between two shops near you?
Answer key: Model: A small bakery is between a bank and a pharmacy.

Small Towns Put Up Bigger Signs

Source: Apex English · graded news-style report · Original text written for Apex English (A1 graded reader)

A short report about new street signs in small towns.

Many small towns now have bigger, clearer street signs. Visitors often get lost because towns can be confusing for new people.

In one town, the signs now show simple words like 'Bank', 'Station' and 'Park', with an arrow. A sign near the main square says: 'Museum: straight on, then left.' People like this new system.

'Before, tourists always asked me for directions,' says a shop worker. 'Now they use the signs. It's easier for everyone, and I have more time for my work.'

1. READ FOR GIST

- What is the text about?
Answer key: New, clearer street signs in small towns.
- Why do towns need better signs?
Answer key: Because visitors often get lost or confused.

2. READ FOR DETAIL

- What words do the new signs show?
Answer key: Simple words like 'Bank', 'Station' and 'Park'.
- Where is the museum, according to the sign?
Answer key: Straight on, then left, from the main square.
- How does the shop worker feel about the signs?
Answer key: Happy — she has more time for work now.

3. GLOSSARY

sign

words or a picture that give information

confusing

difficult to understand

arrow

a symbol that shows a direction, like

main square

the central open space in a town

4. DISCUSS IN PAIRS

- Are the signs in your town clear and easy to understand?
- Do you ever ask people for directions, or do you use a map app?

3. Vocabulary · Places in town

SET A

a bank

a place for money

a pharmacy

a shop for medicine

a supermarket

a big shop for food

a station

for trains or buses

a park

a green place to relax

a café / a restaurant

places to eat and drink

SET B

Excuse me, where is the bank?

ask for a place politely

Is it far from here?

ask about distance

Go straight on.

give a direction

Turn left / right.

give a direction

Practice

Complete with ONE word.

- I get money at the bank.
- I buy medicine at the pharmacy.
- I buy food at the supermarket.
- Excuse me, where is the station?
- Go straight on, then turn left.

3b. Where exactly?

Match the phrase with the picture description.

- next to
the bank is next to the café — very close, side by side
- opposite
the school is opposite the park — on the other side of the street
- between
the shop is between the bank and the pharmacy
- behind
the car park is behind the supermarket
- in front of
the bus stop is in front of the school

4. Grammar · Prepositions of place

in

We use 'in' for a big area or inside something. The bank is in the town centre. The keys are in my bag.

on

We use 'on' for a street or a surface. The bank is on Main Street. The book is on the table.

next to

very close, at the side: The café is next to the bank.

opposite

on the other side, facing: The park is opposite the station.

between

with one thing on each side: The pharmacy is between the café and the bakery.

in front of / behind

The bus stop is in front of the school. The car park is behind the supermarket.

There is / There are + place

There is a bank on Main Street. There are two cafés near the park.

4a. Choose the correct preposition

Complete with in, on, next to, opposite, between or behind.

- The bank is ___ Main Street.
Answer key: on
- The pharmacy is ___ the bank and the café.
Answer key: between
- The park is ___ the station.
Answer key: opposite
- My keys are ___ my bag.
Answer key: in
- The café is ___ the bank.
Answer key: next to
- The car park is ___ the supermarket.
Answer key: behind

4b. Write a sentence with the place

Write a sentence with 'There is a...' and a preposition.

- bank / next to / supermarket
Answer key: There is a bank next to the supermarket.
- park / opposite / school
Answer key: There is a park opposite the school.
- café / between / bank / pharmacy
Answer key: There is a café between the bank and the pharmacy.
- bus stop / in front of / station
Answer key: There is a bus stop in front of the station.

4c. Ask for directions

Complete the question or the direction.

- Excuse me, ___ is the pharmacy?
Answer key: where
- Go straight on, then ___ left.
Answer key: turn
- Is it ___ from here? — No, it's very close.
Answer key: far
- The bank is ___ the corner.
Answer key: on

Look at the picture and use the grammar you just studied

Look at the map. Write 4–5 sentences about where the places are. Use next to, opposite, between and behind.

5. Listening · Excuse me, where is...?

A tourist named Sofia asks a local man, Carlos, for directions to the museum in the town centre.

Two voices — no narrator introduction.

Before you listen

- What do you say to start asking for directions?
- What places are usually near a museum?

First listen — gist

- What does Sofia want to find?
Answer key: The museum.
- Is it far from where they are?
Answer key: No, it's quite close, only five minutes.

Second listen — detail

- Where does Carlos say to go first?
Answer key: Straight on, past the bank.
- What is next to the museum?
Answer key: A small park.

- What is opposite the museum?

Answer key: A café.

- How does Sofia say thank you?

Answer key: She says 'Thank you very much, that's very kind.'

5b. Useful language

Match the phrase with the use.

- Excuse me, where is the museum?
start asking for directions
- Go straight on, past the bank.
give a direction
- It's on your left.
say where a place is
- Thank you very much.
say thank you

6. Speaking · Directions in town

Work in pairs. Use a simple map of your own town or an imaginary town. Ask for and give directions.

- Tourist and local
A: Ask where the station is and how to get there.
B: Give directions: 'Go straight on, turn left...'.
• New in town
A: Ask where the nearest supermarket and pharmacy are.
B: Explain using next to, opposite and between.

6b. Talk together

Ask and answer in pairs.

- What places are near your home?
- Is there a park near you? What is it like?
- Do you often ask people for directions?
- Which place in your town is difficult to find?

6c. Mini presentation · My neighbourhood

Describe your neighbourhood in 4–5 sentences.

- Say what places are near your home
- Use 'next to' or 'opposite' for two places
- Say which place you visit most
- Say if the centre is far or near
- Finish with one opinion about your neighbourhood

7. Writing · My town centre

Write 40–50 words about the centre of your town or city. Say what places are there and use at least three prepositions of place (next to, opposite, between, behind, in front of).

WORKBOOK · HOME PRACTICE

Unit 7A Workbook

Do this after class. Answers are marked for your teacher.

1. Vocabulary gap-fill

Complete each sentence with ONE word from the box.

- I buy medicine at the pharmacy.
- I get money at the bank.
- I buy food at the supermarket.
- I take a train at the station.
- I walk my dog in the park.
- I drink coffee at the café.
- Go straight on, then turn left.

2. Choose the preposition

Complete with in, on, next to, opposite or between.

- The bank is ___ Main Street.
Answer key: on
- The café is ___ the bank.
Answer key: next to
- The park is ___ the station.
Answer key: opposite
- The pharmacy is ___ the café and the bank.
Answer key: between
- My keys are ___ my bag.
Answer key: in
- The school is ___ the park.
Answer key: opposite
- The shop is ___ the corner.
Answer key: on

3. Choose the correct preposition

Choose the correct option for the picture description.

One thing on each side: the shop is ___ the bank and the café.

On the other side, facing: the park is ___ the school.

At the back: the car park is ___ the supermarket.

Very close, at the side: the café is ___ the bank.

At the front: the bus stop is ___ the school.

Inside a big area: the bank is ___ the town centre.

4. Find and fix the mistake

Each sentence has ONE mistake. Write it correctly.

- The bank is in Main Street.
Answer key: The bank is on Main Street.
- The café is between the bank.
Answer key: The café is next to the bank.

- Where the station is?

Answer key: Where is the station?

- Go on straight, then turn left.

Answer key: Go straight on, then turn left.

- The park is opposite of the school.

Answer key: The park is opposite the school.

- It is far of here.

Answer key: It is far from here.

5. Listening · Three quick directions

Three people give quick directions. Listen for the place and the preposition.

- Speaker 1: where is the bank?

Answer key: On Main Street, next to the supermarket.

- Speaker 2: where is the park?

Answer key: Opposite the station, behind the school.

- Speaker 3: where is the pharmacy?

Answer key: Between the café and the bank.

6. Writing · A place near me

Write 40–50 words about a place near your home (a park, a café, a shop). Say where it is using at least two prepositions of place.

7. Reflection

Answer in one or two sentences.

- Which preposition of place is difficult for you? Write an example.

Answer key: Model: 'Opposite' is difficult for me. The park is opposite my house.

- Write directions from your home to a nearby shop.

Answer key: Model: Go straight on, then turn left. The shop is next to the bank.