

## Touchstone 2

### Unit 6 “Around town”

#### **Vocabulary**

##### **Giving Locations:**

**On the corner:** At the point where two streets or sides meet.

Example: The coffee shop is on the corner of Main Street and Park Avenue.

**Behind:** At or near the back of something.

Example: The bakery is behind the library.

**In front of:** Ahead or near the front of something.

Example: The bus stop is in front of the museum.

**Next to:** Close to or adjacent to something.

Example: The pharmacy is next to the supermarket.

**Across from:** On the opposite side of something.

Example: The school is across from the park.

**Adjacent to:** Next to or close by.

Example: The cafe is adjacent to the bookstore.

**Between:** In the space or period separating two points.

Example: The gallery is between the bank and the flower shop.

**Across the street from:** On the opposite side of the street.

Example: The bakery is across the street from the library.

**Near:** A short distance away from something.

Example: The bus stop is near the park entrance.

**Alongside:** Close to or following the side of something.

Example: The running track is alongside the river.

**Opposite:** Across from, On the other side of something, facing it.

Example: The theater is opposite the restaurant.

### **Giving Directions:**

**Go straight ahead:** Proceed in a straight line without turning.

Example: Go straight ahead until you reach the traffic light.

**Turn left:** To make a left turn at a street or intersection.

Example: Turn left at the second intersection.

**Turn right:** To make a right turn at a street or intersection.

Example: Turn right when you see the church.

**Make a U-turn:** To turn around and proceed in the opposite direction.

Example: Make a U-turn and come back to the main road.

**Take the first left/right:** To make the first possible turn left or right from your current position.

Example: Take the first left after the bridge.

**You can't miss it:** Used to emphasize that something is easy to find or see.

Example: The statue is right in front of the town hall; you can't miss it.

**Head north/south/east/west:** To travel in the direction specified on a compass.

Example: Head north on Elm Street until you reach the post office.

**Continue along:** To keep following a particular route or path.

Example: Continue along the beach road for another two kilometers.

**Follow:** To move behind something in the same direction.

Example: Follow this road until you see the gas station.

**Proceed:** To continue as planned or intended.

Example: Proceed along the main road and turn left after the bridge.

**Circle around:** To move or travel in a circular path around something.

Example: Circle around the parking lot and find a spot.

**Veer:** To change direction suddenly or sharply.

Example: Veer right at the fork in the road.

**Cross:** To move or travel across something, like a street or bridge.

Example: Cross the bridge and take the first exit.

**Walk/drive straight past:** To walk or drive past something without stopping or turning.

Example: Walk straight past the coffee shop and turn left at the corner.

**Wind/weave your way:** To move or proceed in a twisting or turning path.

Example: Wind your way through the alleys to reach the market.

**Backtrack:** To go back over the same route or path that one has already taken.

Example: Backtrack about 100 meters and look for the sign.

**Cut through:** To take a shortcut or a more direct route.

Example: Cut through the park to get to the museum faster.

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### **Basic Navigation Terms:**

**Destination:** The place or location you want to reach.

**Route:** The path or course you take to reach your destination.

**ETA (Estimated Time of Arrival):** The predicted time you will arrive at your destination.

**Traffic:** The flow of vehicles on the road, which can be light, moderate, or heavy.

**Turn:** A change in direction while driving, such as a left or right turn.

**Exit:** A ramp or junction that allows drivers to leave a highway or main road.

**Intersection:** A junction where two or more roads meet.

**Roundabout:** A circular intersection where traffic moves in one direction around a central island.

### **Navigation Commands and Expressions:**

**"Head north/south/east/west":** To drive in the specified direction.

**"Proceed to":** To continue driving towards a particular location or landmark.

**"Make a U-turn":** To turn around and proceed in the opposite direction.

**"In 500 meters, turn left":** A turn instruction with a specified distance.

**"Take the next exit":** An instruction to leave the highway or main road at the upcoming exit.

**"Stay on this road for the next 10 kilometers":** A command to continue driving on the same road for a specific distance.

**"Traffic is heavier than usual":** A notification indicating congestion on the road.

**"Alternate routes available":** An indication that there are other possible routes to reach the destination.

**"You've arrived at your destination":** A message to notify the user that they've reached their destination.

### **Here are the questions:**

***Question: Describe a place you often visit in your city. How do you get there from your home?***

**Answer:** One place I frequently visit in my city is a park called Central Park. It's a popular spot for locals to relax and spend time with friends or family. To get there from my home, I usually walk since it's not too far away. I leave my house, walk straight for about five minutes, and then make a right turn onto Main Street. After that, I continue walking for another ten minutes or so, and the park entrance is on my left. It's a nice, leisurely walk, and the park is definitely worth visiting!

### **B1 Level Question:**

***Question: Talk about a time when you got lost while traveling. How did you find your way back?***

**Answer:** When I was visiting Paris last year, I got lost trying to find the Louvre Museum. I thought I could find it easily by following the signs, but the city's winding streets left me feeling disoriented. After wandering around for about 30 minutes, I realized I needed help. Luckily, I had my smartphone with me, so I opened my maps application and found my current location. Then, I entered the museum's

address and followed the step-by-step directions the app provided. It turned out I was only a few blocks away, but I had been walking in the opposite direction! In the end, I finally arrived at the Louvre and enjoyed the rest of my visit. It was a memorable experience, and I learned the importance of relying on reliable navigation tools when traveling in unfamiliar places.

***Question: Describe a popular tourist attraction in your city. How can someone get there using public transportation?***

Answer: One of the most popular tourist attractions in my city is the Museum of Science. It's a fantastic place to learn about history, science, and technology through interactive exhibits and displays. To get there using public transportation, you can take the subway and get off at the "Science Center" station. The museum is just a short walk from the station, and there are signs guiding visitors in the right direction. Alternatively, you can also take a bus that stops near the museum entrance. Overall, the Museum of Science is easily accessible and definitely worth visiting.

B1 Level Question:

***Question: Talk about a time when you had difficulty finding a specific place. How did you eventually find it?***

**Answer:** I recall an instance when I had trouble finding a friend's new house in a neighborhood I wasn't familiar with. Even though I had the address, I couldn't seem to locate the house number. I drove around for a while and eventually decided to stop at a nearby gas station to ask for directions. The gas station attendant kindly looked up the address on his phone and provided me with clear step-by-step instructions to get to my friend's place. With his help, I finally arrived at my destination. From this experience, I learned that asking for help when needed is essential, and sometimes, it can save you a lot of time and frustration.

***Question: Describe a local shop you often visit. Where is it located?***

**Answer:** I often visit a small convenience store called "The Corner Shop," located just a block away from my house. It's on the corner of Maple Street and Elm Avenue, right next to the community park. The store has a wide variety of items, including groceries, household essentials, and even some freshly baked goods. It's my go-to place whenever I need to pick up something quickly.