

Navigating the City – Student Preview

 Level: Upper Elementary

Lesson Objective: In this lesson, you will learn useful vocabulary about places, signs, and transport in the city. You will also practice real-life conversations to improve your fluency and confidence when navigating urban environments.

Vocabulary	Meaning
Landmarks	Famous places or buildings that are symbols of a city.
Street Signs	Signs that provide information about streets and directions.
Crosswalk	A marked path for pedestrians to safely cross the street.
Subway	An underground train system for public transportation.
Taxi	A car you can hire to take you to a specific destination.
Bus Stop	A designated place where buses pick up and drop off passengers.
Tourist Information Center	A place where tourists can get maps, information, and help.
City Map	A visual representation of a city with streets and landmarks.
Pedestrian Zone	An area where only pedestrians are allowed.
Traffic Light	A signal at an intersection that controls the flow of traffic.
City Center	The central area of a city with shops, businesses, and entertainment.
Tourist Attraction	A place that draws tourists due to its uniqueness or beauty.
Pedestrian Bridge	A bridge for people to walk across without encountering vehicles.
City Square	A large open area in a city often used for public gatherings.
Public Restroom	A facility with toilets and sinks available to the public.

Warm-up Conversational Questions:

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- ◆ Why are landmarks important for tourism?

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Sub vocab - attraction | architecture | heritage

Street Signs

- ◆ Can you read and understand street signs in English?
- ◆ What are some common street signs you've seen?
- ◆ What should you do when you encounter a street sign you don't understand?

Subway vocab - stop sign | speed limit | detour | pedestrian crossing | traffic symbol

Crosswalk

- ◆ How important is using a crosswalk for pedestrian safety?
- ◆ What should you do when you see a crosswalk?
- ◆ Are there any rules or regulations for drivers when approaching a crosswalk?

Sub vocab - zebra crossing | pedestrian lane | safety signal | curb | walkway

Subway

- ◆ Have you ever used the subway to get around a city?
- ◆ What are some subway systems in different cities?
- ◆ What are some common subway etiquette rules?

Sub vocab - underground | metro | transit line | platform | ticket booth

Taxi

- ◆ How do you hail a taxi in your city?
- ◆ What do you usually use taxis for?
- ◆ What are the different types of taxis available in your city?

Sub - vocab - cab | ride-hailing | fare | driver | meter

Bus Stop

- ◆ How often do you use the bus stop in your city?
- ◆ What are some common bus routes in your city?
- ◆ What amenities are available at bus stops in your city?

Sub Vocabulary: route | timetable | public transport

Tourist Information Center

- ◆ What services are typically offered at a tourist information center?
- ◆ How can a tourist information center be helpful to visitors?
- ◆ Where can you find a tourist information center in a city?

Sub Vocabulary: brochure | guide | directions | travel tips | visitor help

City Map

- ◆ Do you usually carry a city map when you travel to a new place?
- ◆ What information can you find on a city map?
- ◆ How can a city map help you navigate and explore a new city?

Sub Vocabulary: GPS | navigation | grid

Pedestrian Zone

- ◆ How can you recognize a pedestrian zone in a city?
- ◆ What activities can you do in a pedestrian zone?
- ◆ Why are pedestrian zones important for cities?

Sub Vocabulary: pedestrian zone | activities | safety | cities

Traffic Light

- ◆ What should you do when you see a red traffic light?
- ◆ What are the colors of a traffic light and what do they mean?

Sub Vocabulary: red | green | yellow | stop | walk

City Center

- ◆ What's your favorite thing to do in the city center?
- ◆ What kinds of businesses can you find in a city center?
- ◆ What is the main attraction in the city center?

Sub Vocabulary: [downtown](#) | [shopping district](#) | [street performer](#)

Tourist Attraction

- ◆ Can you name a famous tourist attraction in your city?
- ◆ What makes a place a popular tourist attraction?
- ◆ What is your favorite thing to do at a tourist attraction?

Sub Vocabulary: [museum](#) | [theme park](#) | [sightseeing](#)

Pedestrian Bridge

- ◆ Have you ever used a pedestrian bridge to cross a busy road?
- ◆ Why are pedestrian bridges important in cities?
- ◆ What are some safety features of a pedestrian bridge?

Sub Vocabulary: [bike lane](#) | [overpass](#) | [foot bridge](#)

City Square

- ◆ Do you have a city square in your hometown where events are held?
- ◆ What types of events are usually held in a city square?
- ◆ What is your favorite thing about your city's square?

Sub Vocabulary: [public plaza](#) | [gathering place](#) | [fountain](#) | [open space](#) | [market](#)

Public Restroom

- ◆ How important are clean and accessible public restrooms in a city?
- ◆ Where can you usually find public restrooms in a city?
- ◆ What can be done to improve the condition of public restrooms in a city?

Sub Vocabulary: [toilet](#) | [washroom](#) | [lavatory](#) | [facilities](#) | [hygiene](#)

Sub Vocabulary Glossary

Landmarks

- monument** - A statue or building made to remember something.
- historic site** - An old place with cultural or historical importance.
- attraction** - A place people like to visit.
- architecture** - The design of buildings.
- heritage** - Traditions or places passed down from the past.

Street Signs

- stop sign** - A sign telling cars to stop.
- speed limit** - The maximum speed allowed on a road.
- detour** - A different route when a road is closed.
- pedestrian crossing** - A place where people can cross the road.
- traffic symbol** - A picture on a sign that gives information.

Crosswalk

- zebra crossing** - White striped lines on the road for walking.
- pedestrian lane** - A marked lane for people to walk.
- safety signal** - A light or sign that keeps people safe.
- curb** - The raised edge of the sidewalk.
- walkway** - A path for walking.

Subway

- underground** - A train system under the ground.
- metro** - Another word for subway.
- transit line** - The route the train follows.
- platform** - The area where people wait for the train.
- ticket booth** - A place to buy tickets.

Taxi

- cab** - Another word for taxi.
- ride-hailing** - Ordering a ride with an app.
- fare** - The money you pay for the ride.
- driver** - The person who drives the taxi.
- meter** - A device that shows the cost of the trip.

Bus Stop

- bus route** - The path a bus takes.
- timetable** - A schedule that shows bus times.
- shelter** - A small cover where you wait for the bus.
- transit card** - A card used to pay for travel.
- public transport** - Shared travel services like buses and trains.

Tourist Information Center

- brochure** - A small book with information.
- guide** - A person or book that gives information.
- directions** - Information on how to get somewhere.
- travel tips** - Helpful advice for travelers.
- visitor help** - Support or information for tourists.

City Map

- street map** - A drawing that shows streets.
- directions** - Steps that tell you how to go somewhere.
- grid** - A pattern of squares on a map.
- legend** - A key that explains symbols on a map.
- navigation** - The act of finding your way.

Pedestrian Zone

- walkway** - A path for people to walk.
- no vehicles** - An area where cars are not allowed.
- footpath** - A narrow path for walking.
- plaza** - An open space in a city.
- safe zone** - A protected area for people.

Traffic Light

- red light** - A signal to stop.
- green light** - A signal to go.
- yellow light** - A signal to slow down.
- intersection** - A place where two roads cross.
- stop/go** - Instructions from the traffic signal.

City Center

- downtown** - The main business part of a city.
- shopping district** - An area with many stores.
- office buildings** - Buildings where people work.
- plaza** - An open square in the city center.
- entertainment hub** - A place for fun activities.

Tourist Attraction

- museum** - A place showing art or history.
 - theme park** - A park with rides and games.
 - monument** - A statue or building of importance.
 - sightseeing** - Visiting places to look at them.
 - landmark** - A famous building or place.
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Pedestrian Bridge

overpass - A bridge crossing over a road.

walkway - A path for walking.

safety rail - A barrier to keep people safe.

crossing - A place to move from one side to another.

elevated path - A raised walkway above the ground.

City Square

public plaza - An open space for the public.

gathering place - A place where people meet.

fountain - A structure with flowing water.

open space - A large empty area.

market area - A place where things are sold.

Public Restroom

toilet - A place to relieve yourself.

washroom - A polite word for toilet.

lavatory - Another word for restroom.

facilities - Buildings or rooms for public use.

hygiene - Cleanliness and health.