# Asking for directions

## For the teacher

Print the cards on different coloured paper. Use one colour for the gender of the passer-by, one colour for the destination, and one colour for the directions.

Distribute the cards to each pair or group of 3, in 3 piles, face down.

Students use the cards from the separate piles as cues to participate in a conversation to ask for and give directions to a passer-by.

Demonstrate with a volunteer student how to create the dialogue using the cards as a guide. You may consider adding or omitting destinations, based on your context.

Both students draw a gender card to determine the gender of both speakers.

Student 1 greets the passer-by using the appropriate title:

* *Excusez-moi monsieur/madame/mademoiselle ?*

Student 2 responds:

* *Oui, monsieur/madame/mademoiselle.*

Student 1 draws a card from the destination pile and asks the question:

* *Pour aller à [*location*] s’il vous plait ?*

Student 2 draws a card from the directions pile and responds according to the instructions given – for example:

* *Allez tout droit/prenez la deuxième à gauche/continuez tout droit.*

Student 1 thanks Student 2 using the appropriate title:

* *Merci monsieur/madame/mademoiselle.*

Student 2 responds by saying you’re welcome and goodbye:

* *Je vous en prie/de rien/avec plaisir. Au revoir/salut.*

If the partners both agree that the cards were accurately represented in their conversation, they keep their card(s). If they have made an error, the card must be returned to the bottom of the pile. Students can then switch roles or partners.

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| sir | sir |
| madam | madam |
| miss | miss |
| sir | sir |
| madam | madam |
| miss | sir |
| sir | madam |

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| the cinema | the hospital |
| the post office | the supermarket |
| sporting field | the pharmacy |
| the pool | the bakery |
| the school | the church |
| the train station | the cheese shop |
| the shop | the chocolate shop |
| A road sign with an arrow pointing left | A map with an arrow pointing left at the first street | |
| A road sign with an arrow pointing right | A road sign with an arrow pointing left | |
| A road sign with an arrow pointing straight ahead | A road sign with an arrow pointing left | |
| A map with an arrow pointing right at the second street | A map with an arrow pointing left at the first street | |
| A road sign with an arrow pointing left | A road sign with an arrow pointing right | |
| A road sign with an arrow pointing straight ahead | A map with an arrow pointing right at the first street | |
| A map with an arrow pointing left at the first street | A road sign with an arrow pointing left | |

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