

Asking the way

You already know which sights you would like to visit. But how can you get there? London is a big city and it is best (and most exciting) to take the tube to the nearest station and then walk to the address.

But this can be difficult and maybe you need to ask somebody to give you directions. Below, you will find a conversation between Mr. Schneider, a German tourist who is asking the way, and a friendly Londoner, who is giving directions.

Task: Together with your partner, complete the conversation and fill in the gaps. Use the words in the word bank to help you. Use the tube map and the street map to follow the directions.

tube station – straight ahead – switch – get off – left (2x) – excuse me – right – Northern Line – in front of – matter - way

Mr. Schneider: _____, Sir, could you help me please?

Londoner: Sure, what's the _____,?

Mr. Schneider: I am a tourist and I would like to go shopping at Covent Garden today. Can you tell me the _____, please?

Londoner: Let's see, we are now at 104 Bolsover Street, so first you need to get to Goodge Street, that is the _____. Go straight ahead on Bolsover Street until Howland Street. Turn _____ into Howland Street until Whitfield Street, which is the sixth street on the _____. Turn right into Whitfield Street and go _____ until the tube station is on the _____.

Mr. Schneider: Okay, thank you. Then I am at the tube station. And could you tell me how I can get from Goodge Street to Covent Garden?

Londoner: Of course, take the _____ two stations and get off at Leicester Square. There, _____ trains and take the Piccadilly Line for one station. _____ at Covent Garden.

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Mr. Schneider: Wow, that sounds exciting. But when I get off, do I need to walk again?

Londoner: No, you don't. The tube station is right _____

Covent Garden.

Mr. Schneider: Thank you very much, Sir.

Londoner: You are welcome. Enjoy your trip and have a nice day! Goodbye.

Mr. Schneider: Goodbye.

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Role-play

Now you have helped Mr. Schneider get to Covent Garden, but can you help each other, too?

Task: Together with your partner, pick two other sights from the worksheet. First you need to look up the address and the tube station of a sight. Then find the tube station on the tube map and the address on the street map. One of you is a tourist who asks for directions. The other one is a Londoner who explains the way carefully. Use the words from the worksheet above to help you. Follow the directions on the maps with your counter.

When you are finished, switch roles for the second sight.