


Lecture (19)

Unit
6

Around town

In Unit 6, you learn how to . . .

- use *Is there?* and *Are there?* to ask about places in a town.
- use location expressions like *across from* and *outside*.
- use *Can* and *Could* to offer help and ask for directions.
- talk about stores and favorite places in your city or town.
- check information by repeating key words, using "checking" expressions and asking "echo" questions.



Places in your town

► Stores and Shops:

grocery store, clothes store, drugstore

► Free-Time Places:

coffee shop, restaurant, parks

► Services:

Post office, banks, hospitals

New vocabulary

- ✓ **Department store:** a large shop divided into several different parts, each of which sells different things.
- ✓ **Avenue:** a wide road, with trees or tall buildings on both sides, or a wide countryside path or road with trees on both sides.
- ✓ **Directions:** instructions that you give to someone about how to find a particular place.
- ✓ **Museum:** a building where objects of historical, scientific or artistic interest are kept.
- ✓ **Straight:** continuing in one direction without bending or curving.
- ✓ **Block:** a large, usually tall building divided into separate parts for use as offices or homes.
- ✓ **Ferry:** a boat or ship for taking passengers and often vehicles across an area of water, especially as a regular service.
- ✓ **Terminal:** the area or building at a station, airport or port which is used by passengers leaving or arriving by train, aircraft or ship.
- ✓ **Aquarium:** a glass container in which fish and other water animals can be kept.
- ✓ **Stadium:** a large closed area of land with rows of seats around the sides and often with no roof which is used for sports events.



There is / There are

- We use **there is (singular) / there are (plural)** to say that something is located in the place or exists:

There is an apple on the table. **There is** a student in the class.

There are five apples on the table. **There are** twenty five students in the class.

- We use **there isn't (singular) / there aren't (plural)** to say that something isn't located in the place or doesn't exist:

There isn't an apple on the table. **There isn't** a student in the class.

There aren't any apples on the table. **There aren't** any students in the class.

- We use **Is there...? (singular) / Are there...? (plural)** to ask whether something is located in the place or exists:

- **Is there** + a/an + singular noun?

Is there an apple on the table?

Are there + any + Plural noun?

Are there any apples on the table

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Is there an Internet café near here?

Yes, there is. There's **one** on Main Street.

It's across from the department store.

No, there isn't (**one**).

Are there any cash machines near here?

Yes, there are. There are **some** outside the bank.

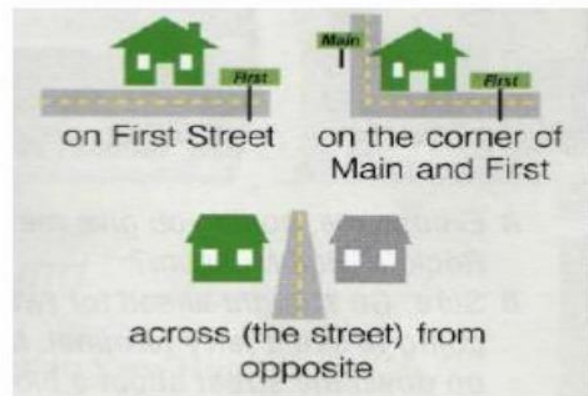
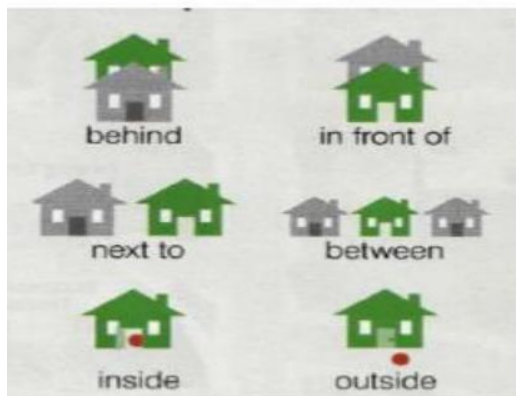
Yes, there's **one** over there.

No, there aren't (**any**).

Complete the following sentences using **there is / there are / is there / are there**.

- 1) **There is** _____ a lamp in the room.
- 2) Ahmad, **Is there** _____ a computer in the class?
- 3) **Are there** _____ students in the class?
- 4) **There are** _____ two little trees in the garden.
- 5) **There is** _____ a nice door in the house.
- 6) **Are there** _____ many cars in the parking?
- 7) Mum, **Is there** _____ some water in the glass?
- 8) In London **There are** _____ a lot of museums.
- 9) In this class **There are** _____ some students.

Location Expression



A Look at the map on page 54. Complete the questions with *Is there a* or *Are there any*. Complete the answers with *one*, *some*, *any*, and location expressions. Then practice with a partner.

Driver Is there a bank around here?

Jack Yeah, there's one right on Main Street.

It's Next to the deli. Do you see Sam's Deli – just across the street?

Driver Oh, yeah. Can I park there? I mean, Is there a parking lot?

Jack Well, there's one just behind the bank, but the entrance is on Lincoln.

Driver Are there any public restrooms there?

Jack No, there aren't any. But there's a department store On the corner of Main and Third. I'm sure there are some there, inside the store.

Driver Thanks. Oh, and Is there a supermarket anywhere?

Jack Uh, there's one over there – Across from the bank.

Driver And one more thing – Are there any shoe stores near here?

Jack Yes, there's Riviera Shoes on Main, Between Second and Third Avenues.

Getting Around

► When people go to different places, it's called **getting around**.

► **How do you usually get around?**

Car– Taxi– Bus – Subway –Train– Bicycle – Walk

► **When you want to find out how to get to a place, what can you do?**

look at a map Ask people

A Excuse me, could you give me directions to the Rock 'n' Roll Museum?

B Sure. Go straight ahead for two blocks. You're going to see a ferry terminal. Make a right and go down the street about a block. It's on the left.

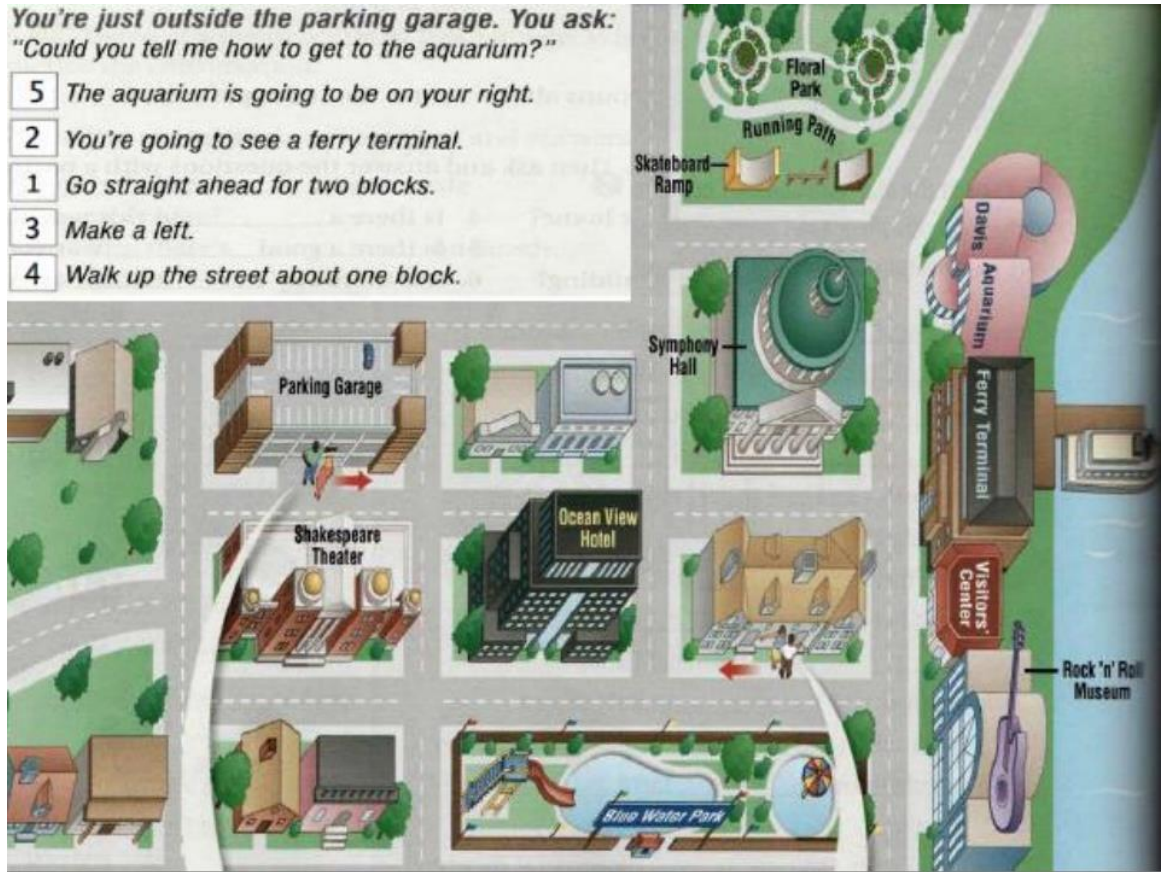
C Are you lost? Can I help you?

D Yes, thanks. Can you tell me how to get to Panther Stadium?

C Sure. Go to the end of the next block, and turn right. Walk up two blocks. You can't miss it.

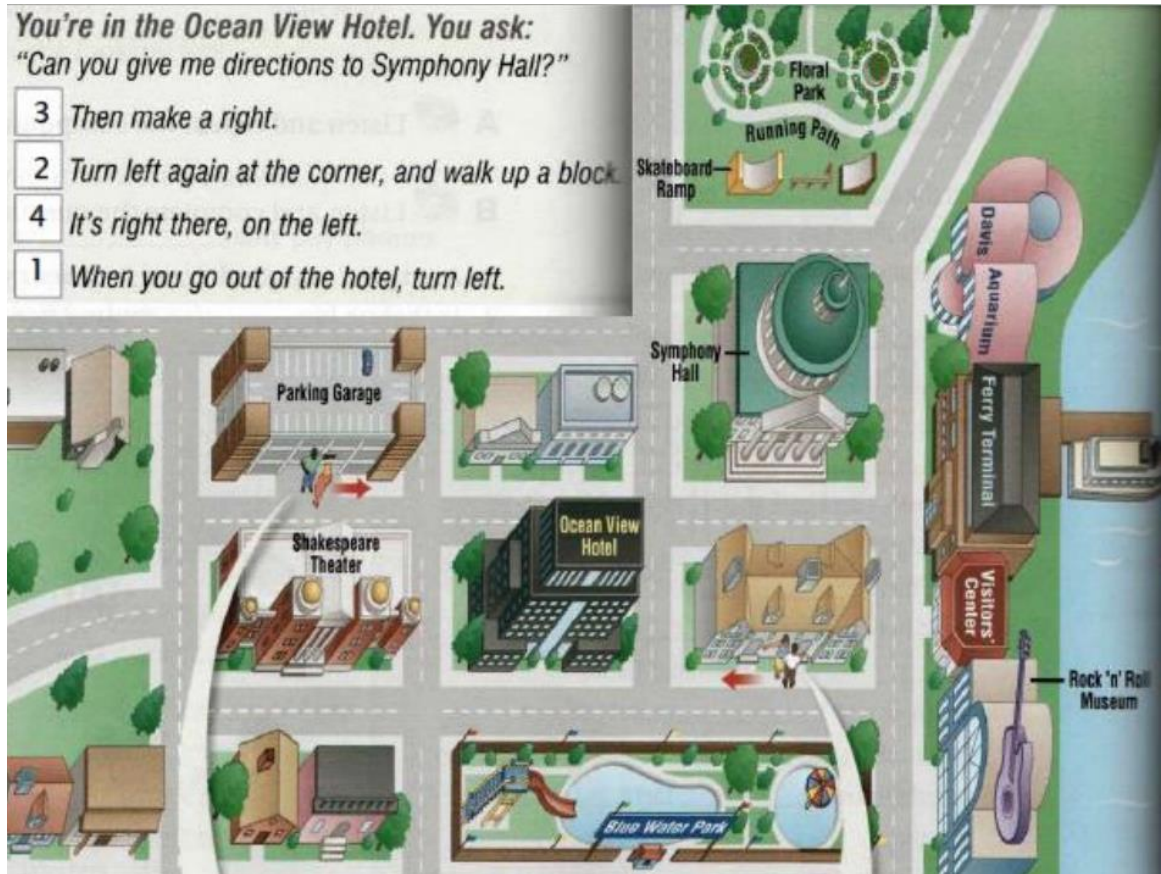
You're just outside the parking garage. You ask:
"Could you tell me how to get to the aquarium?"

- 5 The aquarium is going to be on your right.
- 2 You're going to see a ferry terminal.
- 1 Go straight ahead for two blocks.
- 3 Make a left.
- 4 Walk up the street about one block.



You're in the Ocean View Hotel. You ask:
"Can you give me directions to Symphony Hall?"

- 3 Then make a right.
- 2 Turn left again at the corner, and walk up a block.
- 4 It's right there, on the left.
- 1 When you go out of the hotel, turn left.



Offers and Requests**Grammar** *Offers and requests with Can and Could***Offers****Can** I help you?What **can** I do?How **can** I help?**Requests****Can** you help me?**Can** you tell me how to get to the aquarium?**Could** you give me directions?**In conversation . . .**

Can you . . . ? is more common than **Could you . . . ?** for requests. People use **Could you . . . ?** to make their requests more polite.

**Can you . . . ?****Could you . . . ?**