

Lecture (20)


Around town

In Unit 6, you learn how to . . .

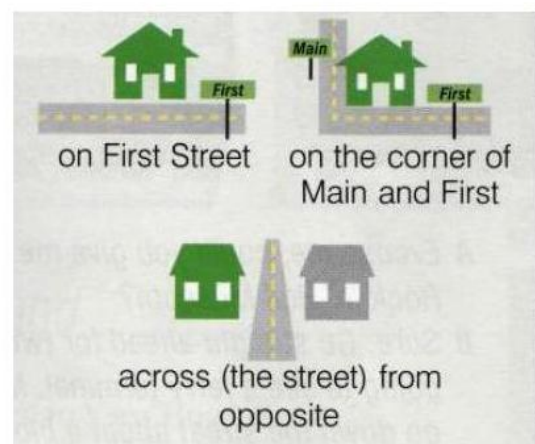
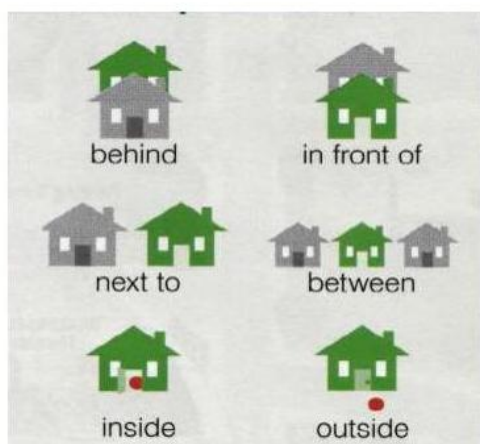
- use *Is there?* and *Are there?* to ask about places in a town.
- use location expressions like *across from* and *outside*.
- use *Can* and *Could* to offer help and ask for directions.
- talk about stores and favorite places in your city or town.
- check information by repeating key words, using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

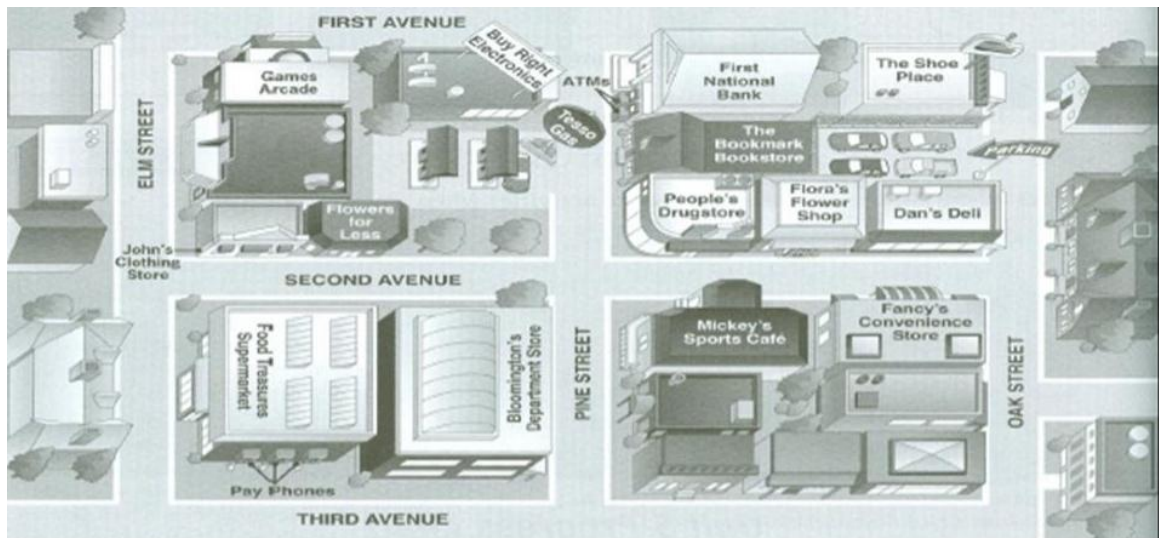
Unit

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Location Expression





1. The bookstore is Across from Tesso Gas.
2. Flora's Flower Shop is between the drugstore and the deli.
3. The department store is Next to the supermarket.
4. The clothing store is On the corner of Second and Elm.
5. Games Arcade is on First avenue.
6. The Shoe Price is on the corner of Oak and first.
7. The parking lot is behind Dan's Deli.

Complete the sentences with the places in the box.

✓aquarium	museum	running path	stadium	visitors' center
hotel	parking garage	skateboard ramp	library	water park

You can ...

1. see sea animals at an aquarium.
2. swim in an outdoor pool at a Water park.
3. go jogging on a Running path.
4. go skateboarding on a Skateboard ramp.
5. borrow books in a library.
6. see art and interesting old things at a museum.
7. ask for information at a Visitors' center.
8. leave your car at a Parking garage.
9. watch a baseball game at a stadium.
10. sleep at a hotel.

Some people are at the Sea View Hotel. Where do they want to go? Look at the map. Complete the conversations with the names of the places.



- A Can you tell me how to get to the Skateboarding ramp?

B Sure. When you leave the hotel, turn right. It's on the next block. It's there on your right.
- A Can you tell me how to get to the drugstore?

B Yes. Go out of the hotel, and turn left. Turn left again at the corner, go one block, and turn right. It's on your left.
- A Can you help me? I'd like to go to the ferry.

B Yes. Turn right out of the hotel. Go straight for another block, and make a left. Walk two blocks. It's on your right, next to the restaurant.

Lesson C : Excuse me ?

Conversation strategy Checking information

A What are the best ways to check information? Choose two responses.

A Excuse me. Is there a mall around here?

B ☐ Huh? ☐ A mall? ☐ Did you say a mall?



Notice how Kate and the concierge check information. They repeat words as a question or use "checking" expressions. Find examples in the conversation.

"It's a 15-minute walk from here."

"Fifteen or fifty?"

Concierge Hi. Can I help you?

Kate Yes. What is there to do around here? Within walking distance.

Concierge Within walking distance? Well, the Center Mall is a 15-minute walk from here.

Kate Fifteen or fifty?

Concierge Fifteen. They have a lot of good stores and movie theaters. Or if you want to go see a play, there's . . .

Kate I'm sorry? A play? Um . . . no, I think a movie sounds better. Did you say the Center Mall?

Concierge Yes, it's right down this street. The new John Woo movie is playing - I heard it's good.

Kate Excuse me? The new what?

Concierge The new John Woo movie. It got great reviews.

"Checking" expressions
I'm sorry?
Excuse me?
Did you say . . . ?
What did you say?

1. Could you give me directions to the airport? **c**—
 2. Is there an Indonesian restaurant near here? **a**—
 3. Do you have a number for a cab company? **d**—
 4. Where is there a bookstore around here? **b**—
 5. Are there any good concerts on this week? **e**—
- a. Did you say Indian or Indonesian?
 - b. I'm sorry? Did you say a bookstore?
 - c. Sorry, what did you say? The airport?
 - d. Excuse me? Did you say cab?
 - e. Concerts, did you say?

Echo Question

In an "echo" question, you repeat something you heard, and you add a question word to check information you didn't hear.

A: The new Samsung mobile is great

B: Excuse me
The new what?

A: There is a drugstore on Main St.

B: I'm sorry, it's where?

how far how much ✓what what kind what time where

1. A There are lots of street performers in the city right now.

B I'm sorry, there are a lot of what ?

2. A There's a miniature golf course about 15 minutes away.

B Excuse me, it's How far ?

3. A The best outdoor pool around here is at Ocean Beach.

B I'm sorry, it's where ?

4. A There are great gift shops in this neighborhood.

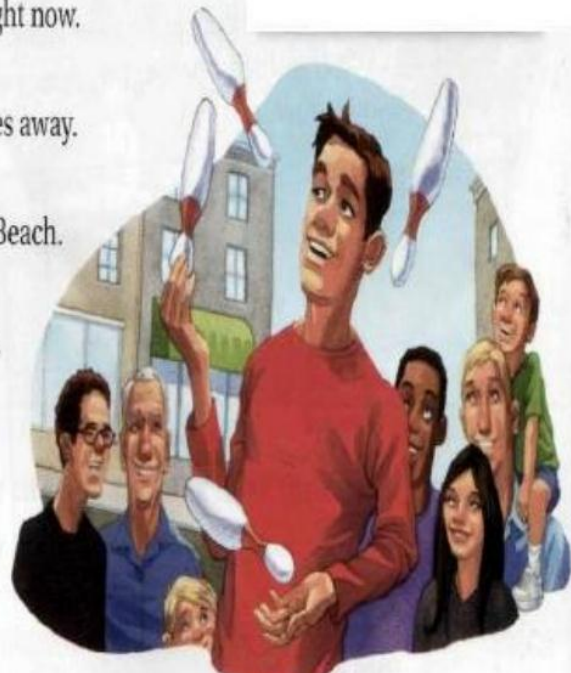
B I'm sorry, there are What kind of shops?

5. A The movie theater opens at 10:15 a.m.

B Excuse me, it opens at What time ?

6. A Rides in the amusement park cost \$5.

B They cost How much ?



A Walking Tour of San Francisco's CHINATOWN

San Francisco's Chinatown is the largest Chinese community on the West Coast of the U.S. and is now home to over 14,000 people. Chinese settlers came here as early as 1846, opening businesses near Portsmouth Square.



1. The tour begins at the **Chinatown Gate** at the intersection of Bush Street and Grant Avenue. Walk north on Grant – a busy street of shops selling souvenirs, jewelry, artwork, furniture, cameras, and electronics.

2. At the corner of California and Grant, look around **Old St. Mary's Cathedral** (1891) and its display of historic photographs of 19th-century Chinatown.

3. Across from the cathedral on California is **St. Mary's Square** – a quiet park with a statue of the Chinese revolutionary leader Sun Yat-sen.

4. Opposite the cathedral on Grant, the **Ching Chung Temple** welcomes visitors and has year-round guided tours.

5. Continue north on Grant, and turn right on Clay Street. Then turn left into **Portsmouth Square**, and watch local people play cards or Chinese chess.

6. Take the footbridge across Kearny Street to the **Chinese Culture Center**. Here there are exhibitions of Chinese and Chinese-American art, as well as a permanent display of Chinese musical instruments. It's well worth a visit.

7. Return to the square, and turn left onto Washington Street. On the left is the **Old Chinese Telephone Exchange**. Now a bank, the exchange opened in 1909. Operators had to speak English and five Chinese dialects.



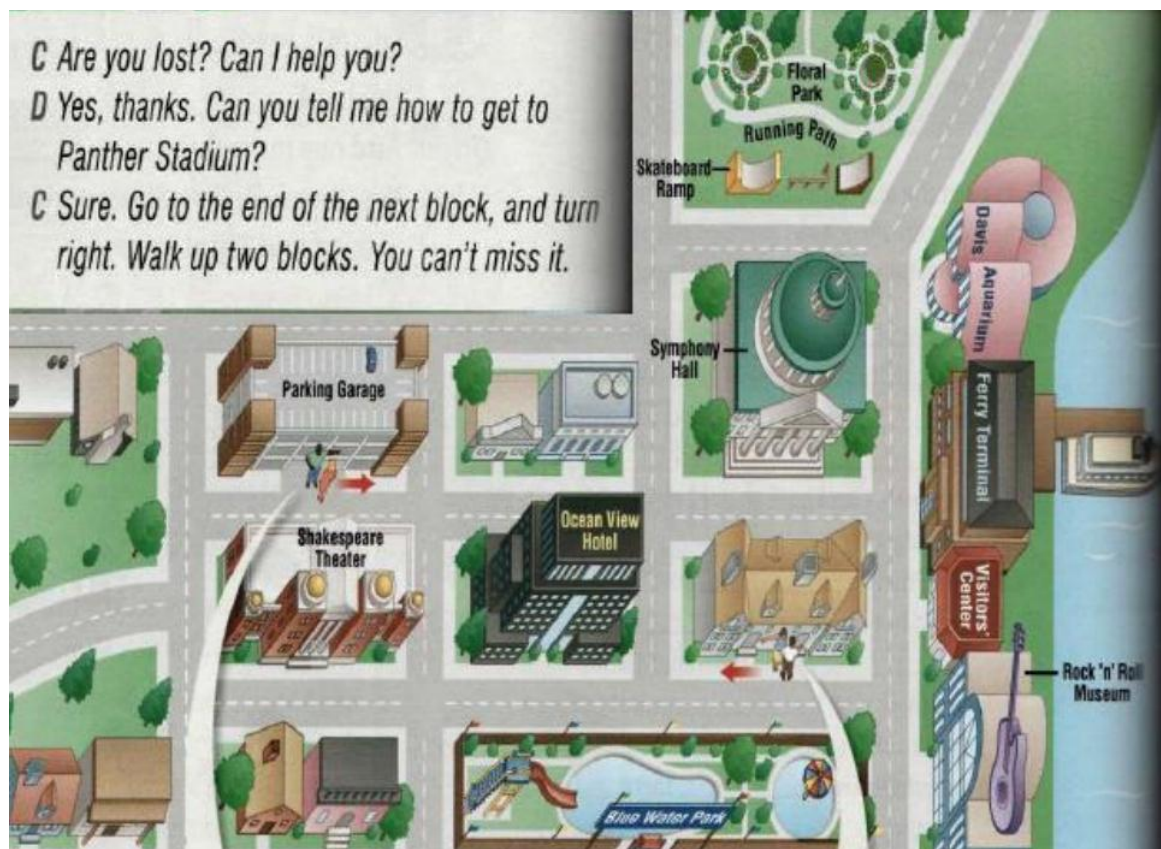
8. Continue west on Washington, and turn right into Ross Alley. Near the end of the block is the **Golden Gate Fortune Cookie Company**, where you can sample the fortune cookies.

This is where your tour ends. We hope you enjoy your tour of San Francisco's Chinatown.



Reading

1. Chinatown is now home to:
 - a. 16,000 people
 - b. less than 14,000 people
 - c. More than 14,000 people
2. Across from the cathedral on Grant
 - a. Ching Chung Temple
 - b. St. Mary's Square.
 - c. Chinatown Gate
3. Portsmouth square is _____ the Chinese Culture Center.
 - a. next
 - b. behind
 - c. inside
 - d. across from
4. Operator had to speak:
 - a. Six languages
 - b. Only English and Chinese
 - c. English and five Chinese dialects.
5. You can sample fortune cookies in
 - a. Ross Alley
 - b. Jackson St.
 - c. St. Mary Cathedral



*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 . . . ?**