11 Form, Meaning and Function

Prepositions of Place: ***across from, between, next to, on, near, far from***

The park is **across from** the school.

The bank is **between** the post office and the restaurant.

The pharmacy is **next to** the bookstore.

The bus stop is **on** the corner.

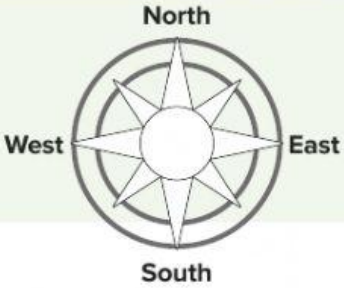
The museum is **near** the hotel.

The airport is **far from** town.

Asking for and Giving Directions

Can you tell me where [the nearest bank] is?
Excuse me. Where is [the Art Museum]?
Is this the right way to [the subway station]?
How can I get to the [post office]?

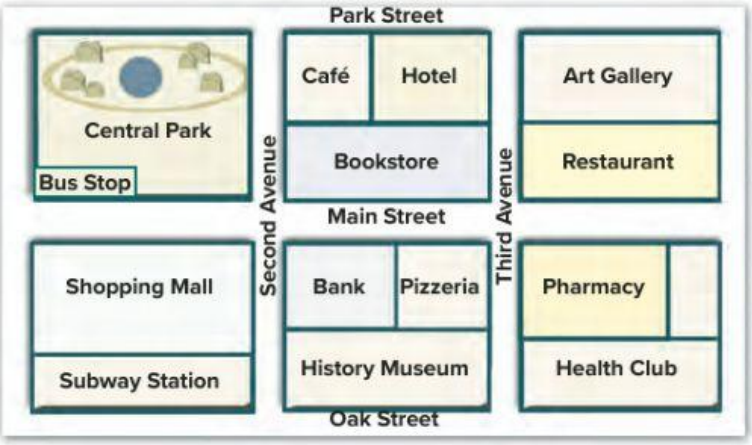
Turn right onto Park Avenue.
Turn left at the next corner.
Go straight ahead for two blocks.
Go east on Second Street.



A. Match the questions with the answers.

1. _____ Is there a restaurant in the mall?
2. _____ Is the airport near the city?
3. _____ Excuse me. Where's the bus stop?
4. _____ Is the university north of here?
5. _____ Is this right the way to the hotel?
6. _____ Is the post office next to the park?

a. Yes. Go straight ahead for one more block.
b. No. It's between the bank and the health club.
c. No, it isn't. It's to the south.
d. Yes, there is. It's across from the bookstore.
e. No, it isn't. It's far from the city.
f. It's on the corner of First and Main.

B. Work with a partner. Describe the location of places on the map. Use ***across from, between, next to, on, near***, and ***far from***.

C. Work with a partner. Student A is a hotel guest: ask for directions to places on the map.
Student B is a hotel concierge: give directions.
Then change roles.