direction

1 Verb + direction

Use the correct form of these verbs:

ask for *change* *give*
head in *look in* *take*

1. She waved at him across the street to draw his attention but he wasn't ..... her direction.
2. I think we're lost. Let's stop and ..... directions.
3. Which direction do you think the government will .....?
4. He ..... me directions to his house, but I got lost and had to call him on my mobile.
5. The wind ..... direction suddenly. Our dinghy capsized and we all ended up in the water.
6. The missing child was last seen ..... the direction of the park.

2 Common adjective collocations

Complete the sentences with these adjectives:

clear *clockwise*
general *opposite*
right *same*
wrong *westerly*

1. Excuse me. I wonder if you could point me in the ..... direction for the railway station? I'm a stranger here.
2. The hotel's website provides ..... and precise directions on how to get there. It's not marked on most maps. It's so isolated.
3. When the youths saw the police coming they ran off in the ..... direction.
4. In the northern hemisphere water escapes down the plughole in a ..... direction.
5. Continue in a ..... direction for about 2 miles, until you reach a small farm, then turn right.
6. We seem to be going in the ..... direction. Can I join you?
7. He disappeared off in the ..... direction of the pub, but I'm not really sure if that's where he was heading to.
8. If you're trying to get to Faversham, I'm afraid you're going in the ..... direction. You must have missed the turn-off a few miles back.

Go back and underline the adjective collocations.

3 Quantifier + direction

Use these quantifiers in the sentences:

all *both* *each* *every* *one*

1. From the top of the mountain we could see for miles and miles in ..... direction.
2. British motorways usually have three lanes in ..... direction. Some have four.
3. When the police arrived, the crowd scattered in ..... directions.
4. He doesn't know what to do. He's being pulled in ..... direction by his heart and in the other by his head.
5. Due to an accident, traffic is moving very slowly in ..... directions.

"The wind changed direction suddenly!"

Notes

1. Note the following:
   I'm bad at finding places. I've got no sense of direction.
   Like many teenagers, I had no sense of direction in life. I just didn't know what to do with myself.
2. Note the following expressions:
   Many believe that the decision to cut interest rates is a step in the right direction to economic recovery.
   I clearly need a change of direction at work. I'm bored doing the same thing every day.
3. 'Directions' can mean 'written instructions':
   Don't forget to read the directions on the packet before taking the pills.
   Just follow the directions on the packet and you will end up with a perfect sponge cake!
4. Note this more formal expression:
   This is a step in the right / wrong direction.

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