

AT THE HAIRDRESSER'S

Useful words



A hairdresser / hairstylist



A barber



A hairdresser's



A barber's (shop)



Shampoo



Conditioner



Scissors



Hair gel



A beard



A moustache



Highlights



Fringe ("bangs" in US English)



A haircut



A razor



A hair trimmer



A basin/washbasin/sink



A sideburn



A parting



Hairspray



A brush



A comb



A hairdryer



A wig

What you say

- I'd like to have a haircut, please.
- I'd like a trim, please.
- I'd like to have a blow dry, please.
- I'd like my hair dyed blonde/black/brown, please.
- I'd like to have a short back and sides.
- I'd like to get my hair thinned out.
- I'd like to have a perm, please.
- I'd like to have my hair curled, please.
- Could you straighten my hair, please?
- Could you take a bit off the back and sides, please?
- Could you cut off any split ends, please?
- Just take a bit off the top, please.
- Leave it a little longer at the front/back/top/sides.
- Cut it a little shorter at the front/back/top/sides.
- Leave the sideburns, please.
- Just leave it like that, please.
- That's great, thanks.



Dialogue: At the hairdresser's

- Jim is at the hairdresser's getting a hair cut. **J=Jim H=Hairdresser**
- J:** I'd like a (1) _____, please?
- H:** Do you have an appointment?
- J:** No.
- H:** Actually, we're not that busy right now. Could you come over here to the washbasins, please? (*The hairdresser washes his hair.*) So, how would you like it?
- J:** Could you just trim the fringe, and cut a bit off the (2) _____ and sides, please?
- H:** Anything off the top?
- J:** Erm, just leave it actually. Perhaps just cut the (3) _____, but I'd rather have it longer on (4) _____.
- H:** OK. (*She cuts his hair.*) So, do you work round here?
- J:** Yeah. In the high (5) _____.
- H:** _____ . Actually, don't take too much off the sides, please. I want a bit over the top of my (6) _____.
- H:** No problem. Nice day, isn't it? (*She finishes the hair cut.*) How's that, then?
- J:** Yes, that (7) _____ great. Erm, actually, could you take a bit more off the back, but leave the (8) _____ as they are, please?
- H:** OK



GLOSSARY

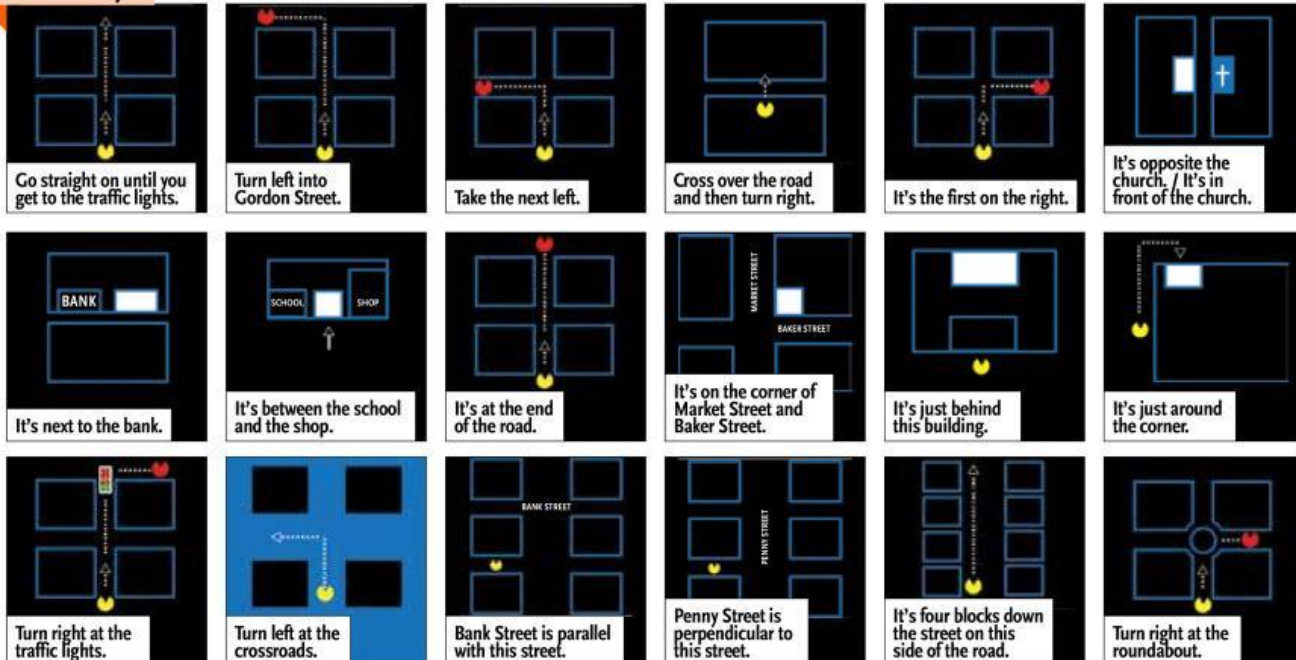
- a trim** *n*
a haircut that involves cutting off a small amount of hair
- to dye** *v*
to change the colour of your hair by using chemicals
- to curl** *v*
to make your hair curly (with little round rings)
- to straighten** *v*
to make your hair straight (with no curls)
- split ends** *n*
if you have "split ends", some of your hairs are damaged and split (divided) at the end
- sideburns** *n*
hair on the side of the face
- an appointment** *n*
if you have an "appointment" at the hairdresser's (for example), you have arranged to go there at a specific time
- busy** *adj*
with a lot of customers
- a washbasin** *n*
an object in a bathroom in which you can wash your hands/hair, etc
- a fringe** *n*
a line of hair that covers your forehead

What you hear

- Would you like me to wash it first?
- Would you like some conditioner?
- Come this way, please.
- How would you like it?
- Cut and blow dry?
- What can I do for you?
- Would you like some hair gel?

GIVING DIRECTIONS

Vocabulary



Useful expressions

- Go straight on until you come to a crossroads.
- Turn left into Gordon Street.
- Take the next left.
- Take the second road on the left.
- Turn right at the traffic lights.
- It's opposite the church.
- It's next to the bank.
- It's between the school and the shop.
- It's at the end of the road.
- It's on the corner of Market Street and Baker Street.
- It's just behind this building.
- It's in front of the school.
- It's just around the corner.
- Bank Street is parallel with this street.
- Penny Street is perpendicular to this street.
- It's four blocks down the street on this side of the road.
- Turn right at the roundabout.
- I'm trying to get to the museum.
- Do you know where the post office is?
- What's the best way to get to the train station?



Dialogue: Giving directions

Listen and complete with the words from below.

east **bank** **school** **roundabout**

Lenny has just arrived in London. He's a bit lost and so he decides to ask a passer-by for directions.

- Lenny:** Erm, excuse me, I'm trying to find a pub called the Cock & Bull. Could you point me in the right direction?
- George:** Ah... the Cock & Bull. I know it well. Excellent pub.
- Lenny:** Oh, great. I'm new to the city and I'm supposed to meet a friend there, but I haven't got a clue where I am.
- George:** Right. Go straight ahead. Then, take the (1) _____ road on your left. That's Queen Street. Follow it until you pass a (2) _____, and then... No, hang on. That's not right.
- Lenny:** Oh... erm, I can ask someone else if you're not sure.
- George:** No, no. I know London like the back of my hand... OK. Ignore everything I just said. From here, you want to get onto Charles Street, which is parallel to this street. Then walk (3) _____ about 500 metres until you see an old (4) _____. Turn right at the church and... Wait a minute...



- Lenny:** I've got a map here...
- George:** I don't need a map. I've lived here all my life. And the Cock & Bull isn't far. Excellent pub, by the way. They do a fantastic steak and kidney pie... Or was it steak and mushroom? Anyway. Go about four hundred metres that way and when you get to a (5) _____, hang a left. Walk for another two minutes and you'll see a (6) _____ on the opposite side of the road. The pub is just next to the bank. You can't miss it.
- Lenny:** Great! Thank you!
- George:** No, hold on... That's where the pub used to be. It moved 15 years ago.
- Lenny:** Maybe I should ask someone else.
- George:** No, no, I'm your man. I practically live at the Bear & Bull.
- Lenny:** You mean the Cock & Bull.
- George:** No, the Bear & Bull.
- Lenny:** I'm trying to get to the Cock & Bull.
- George:** The Cock & Bull? No idea! Never heard of it! Goodbye!

THE CAR

Vocabulary



Useful expressions

- I need to fill up the petrol tank.
- The rear-view mirror is broken.
- You need to lift the bonnet up.
- The battery is low.
- The tyre is flat.
- I can't get it into first gear.
- The door won't open.
- Don't forget to put the hand-brake on.
- Put your headlights on.
- Dim your lights.
- You need to turn your windscreen wipers on.
- You can sit in the passenger seat.
- The bodywork is scratched.

GLOSSARY

to dim *vb*
to reduce the brightness of
bodywork *n*
the "bodywork" of a car is the outside, metal part of it
to take someone for a spin *exp*
to take someone for a ride in your car

Dialogue: The car

Sarah is showing Michelle her new car.
Michelle: Nice car.
Sarah: Yes, I got it last week. It was only £300.
Michelle: That's great.
Sarah: Yes, it's a bargain. It's only fourteen years old.
Michelle: Mmm... The bodywork is a bit scratched, isn't it?
Sarah: Yes, well, it needs a bit of paint on it.
Michelle: And one of the (1) _____ is broken, isn't it?
Sarah: Yeah, I'll have to get that repaired.
Michelle: Does it (2) _____ ?
Sarah: Of course it does. Look. *(She starts the car.)* You see?
Michelle: Come on then, take me for a spin.
Sarah: OK. Jump in. I'll take you home.
Michelle: The (3) _____ are a bit stiff, aren't they?
Sarah: Yes, it doesn't really go into (4) _____ gear. I have to skip from first gear to third gear. The (5) _____ don't work either.
Michelle: What? You mean you can't stop it?
Sarah: Yes, of course I can stop. We've got the (6) _____-brake.
Michelle: The hand-brake? Well, don't go too fast. I think you should (7) _____ down a bit.
Sarah: Erm, I think... erm, let me out.
Michelle: OK. Hang on. I'm going to (8) _____ the car.
Michelle: Well, thanks. I think I can (9) _____ from here.
Sarah: Are you sure?
Michelle: Quite sure. See you later.
Sarah: Bye.



DRIVING IN THE CITY

Vocabulary



Traffic light



Zebra crossing / pedestrian crossing



Rush hour
(the time when people travel to or from work)



Kerb



Roundabout



Pedestrian crossing



Speed bump



Traffic jam



Turning



Tunnel



Bridge



Dead-end street / cul-de-sac



Pedestrian



Dialogue: Driving in the city

Sally is driving when she gets into an argument with a pedestrian.

A=Alan S=Sally

A: Hey, watch out! That's a red light, and I'm on a pedestrian

(1) _____!

S: Sorry! Are you OK?

A: I'm all right, but your front wheel is on the (2) _____.

S: I'm just so tired. I've been stuck in a traffic (3) _____ for two hours and I didn't get any sleep last night.

A: That's hardly my problem. And in case you didn't know, this is a dead-end (4) _____.

S: Whoops! I'm a bit lost. You don't happen to know where Marstone Street is, do you?

A: Yep.

S: So, erm, could you, erm, give me (5) _____?

A: OK. Drive straight on for about 350 metres.

S: OK. Straight on.

A: When you get to the traffic (6) _____, take the first turning on the left and then drive straight on again.

S: Traffic lights. First turning, erm, left.

A: Then, after about another 200 metres and a few speed (7) _____, you get to a roundabout...

S: A roundabout...

A: ...and you take the first (8) _____ on the right.

S: ...on the right.

A: Then, you go over a bridge and through a (9) _____. Then, you turn right and then left and then right again, and it's just there on the left.

S: A bridge. A tunnel. Right, left, right... OK. I think I've got it.

A: You can't (10) _____ it!

S: OK. Bye! Thanks. Right! Now, what did he say? Drive straight on, then first left...

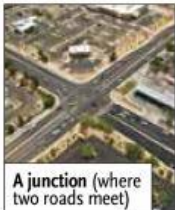
Useful expressions

- There's a zebra crossing just ahead.
- Take the first turning on the right.
- This is a dead-end street.
- You need to go over the bridge.
- The rush-hour traffic is terrible.
- We got caught in a traffic jam.
- You need to go through the tunnel.
- Turn right at the roundabout.



DRIVING ON THE ROAD

Vocabulary



HELP!



Dialogue: Telephone call

Nigel is calling his wife because his car has broken down on the motorway.

Cathy? Hi, yes, it's me. Yes, I know. Look, erm, I've got a slight problem: the car's broken down. I was trying to get to the garden centre. Yes, I know we've been there before. Yes, I had the (1) _____ on, but it kept telling me to turn off at (2) _____ 36, but I knew that wasn't right. Yes, yes, I know. Well, I was driving along in the outside (3) _____ when the car started losing power. I was going up a (4) _____ and the motor just cut out. Yes, yes, I know. OK. Well, I don't think it's anything serious – it's just run out of (5) _____. Yes, I know I should check it. Look, I need you to call the breakdown (6) _____. I haven't got the number here and my phone battery's running out. Yes, I know I took the insurance papers out of the car. No, I haven't got my driver's (7) _____ on me either. Yes, I know you're supposed to keep it in the car. They're in the living room – in the cupboard just to the right of the door. Look, hurry up! I haven't got much battery left.

Where am I? Well, I'm on the (8) _____ – the M22, westbound. I'm not sure. I passed a service (9) _____ about two minutes ago. There's a speed camera if that helps. No, I don't know. I'm waiting on the hard (10) _____. There's a turning about 300 metres in front of me, but I can't see the traffic (11) _____ properly. I think it says Newgate and Shoreham, but I'm not sure. There's a bridge just up ahead. Well, yes, there is a petrol station back there, but it's about four miles down the (12) _____. I can't just walk along the motorway. Look, just call them, will you? Yes, I know it's rush hour. Yes, there is a lot of traffic. Yes, and a tailback. OK. Yes, right. OK, bye. Yes, see you tomorrow.

Useful expressions

- I've broken down and I'm waiting for the tow-truck.
- I'm waiting on the hard shoulder.
- I'm on the M35.
- There's a 10-km tailback.
- The traffic is moving really slowly.
- I've called the breakdown service.
- My SatNav is telling me to turn left, but I think it's on the right.
- I turned off the motorway at junction 36.
- I'm on the toll road.