Putting words together... 17.3

- If you travel to a place and then back again, you go **there and back**.
- If you take someone somewhere in your car, you **give them a lift** (UK)/**give them a ride** (US), and they **get a lift** (UK)/**get a ride** (US) somewhere.
- If you want a ticket for one direction, you need a **single ticket** or a **one-way ticket**, and for both directions, you need a **return ticket**. If you want to make sure you can sit down on your journey, you can **reserve a seat**.
- When you want to sit next to someone else, you can say **'Is this seat free?'** or **'Is this seat taken?'**.

Exercise 3

Match the questions (1–4) with the replies (a–d).

1 Excuse me, is this seat taken?
2 Are you staying in Paris tonight?
3 Could you give me a lift to the station?
4 Can I reserve a seat on this train?

a Yes, it's too far to go there and back in a day.
b I'm sorry, I have to go straight home.
c No, you can sit there if you like.
d Yes, it will cost an extra £3.

Exercise 4 17.4

Use the map below to complete the directions to the Swan Hotel. Listen and check.

When you get to Newtown, drive along the High Street. At the church, [1] turn right into Green Street.

Take the [2] _____ turning on the right into Market Street. The stadium is on the left.

Go [3] _____ for another 200 metres. The Swan Hotel is on the [4] _____.

Giving directions 17.5

When you are telling someone the way to a place, you can say:

- *Turn right/left at the end of the road. Take the next turning on the right/left.*

If you want them to continue in the same direction, say:

- *Keep straight on. Go straight on for two miles.*

To tell someone how far it is to a place, you can say:

- *It's (quite) a long way. It's not far from here. It's only a short distance.*

Exercise 5 17.6

Yusuf is in Cambridge, UK, but he wants to visit Edinburgh Castle. He asks his English friend Peter for advice. Use words from the box to complete the dialogue. Listen and check.

route get off single change reserve return

Yusuf: What's the best way to get to Edinburgh?

Peter: Probably by train. You have to [1] change at Peterborough, but it's a pleasant [2] _____.

Yusuf: Do you know how much it will cost?

Peter: No. It's best to look online. Be careful, sometimes two [3] _____ tickets can be cheaper than a [4] _____ ticket. And it's a good idea to [5] _____ a seat, because the trains can be busy.

Yusuf: OK. And how far is the castle from Edinburgh station?

Peter: It's not far. When you [6] _____ the train, walk up the steps out of the station. You will be able to see the castle at the top of the hill.

Use the words you've learned...

Think of three places you know, and describe the best way to get to them from where you live.

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