

2.4 Speaking and writing

GOALS ■ Ask for and give directions ■ Write text messages

Listening & Speaking asking for and giving directions

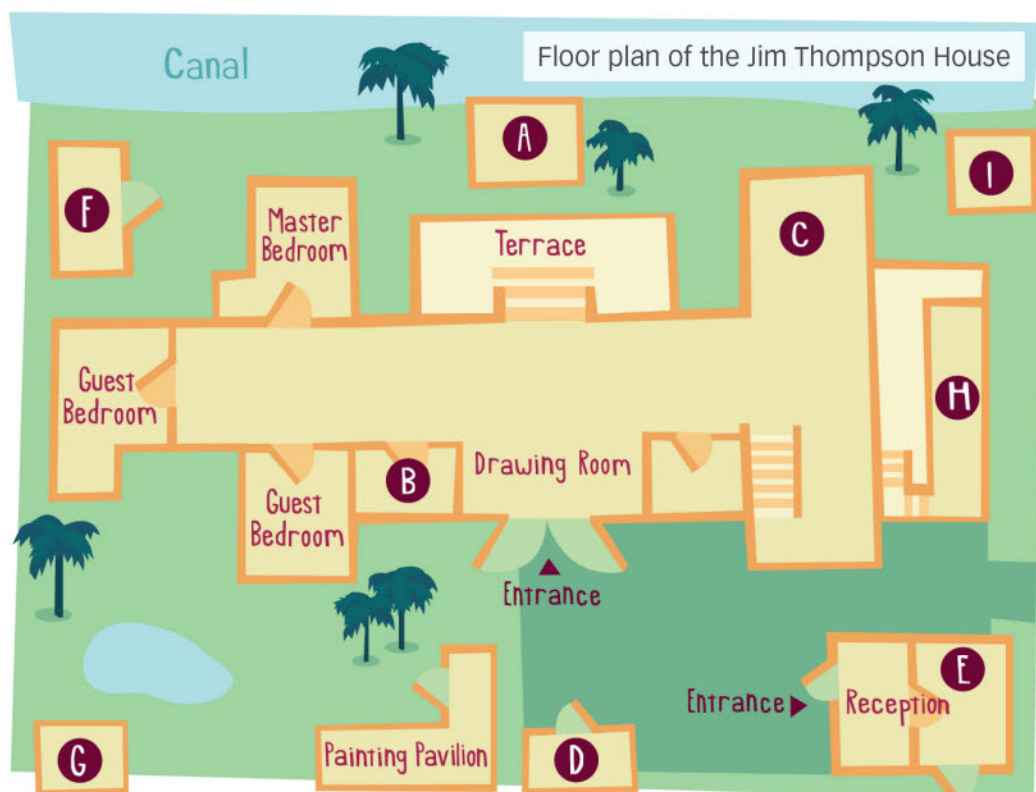
- 1 You are going to listen to a tourist asking for directions to a museum in Bangkok. What do you know about the city? Would you like to go there? Why/Why not? Discuss with a partner.
- 2 2.8))) Listen to the tourist asking for directions to the Jim Thompson House and draw the route on the map opposite. Which letter is the house?

- 3a Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box.

on the left straight along keep going until second right
takes turn left how to get to that right

- 1 Please could you tell me _____ the Jim Thompson House?
- 2 You go _____ this road.
- 3 You'll see the MBK shopping centre _____.
- 4 Go past that and _____ you reach a crossroads.
- 5 At the crossroads, _____ down Rama 1 Road.
- 6 Take the _____.
- 7 So, it's left at the crossroads? Is _____?
- 8 It _____ about ten minutes.

- b 2.8))) Listen again and check your answers.



- 4a You are going to listen to a conversation between a tourist and a guide at the Jim Thompson House. First put the conversation in the right order.

- a Yes, well, you're on the terrace now, so you need to go through the drawing room and cross the garden. It's in the corner on the left by reception, you know - where you come in.
- b Thank you.
- c Excuse me, is this the right way to the library? 1
- d Yes, that's right. You can't miss it.
- e So I need to go through the drawing room, cross the garden and it's next to reception?

- b 2.9))) Listen and check your answers. Which letter on the floor plan is the library?

PRONUNCIATION intonation in directions

5a 2.10 Listen to these sentences and notice how the speaker's voice goes up and down. Practise saying them in pairs.

- 1 Excuse me, is this the right way to the library?
- 2 Keep going until you reach the crossroads.

b 2.11 Listen and repeat these sentences.

- 1 Please could you tell me how to get to the Jim Thompson House?
- 2 You'll see the shopping centre on the left.
- 3 You can't miss it.
- 4 So it's left at the crossroads? Is that right?

6 Work with a partner. Take turns to ask each other for directions around the Jim Thompson House. Use the floor plan in exercise 4b and start at reception each time. Student A, turn to page 126. Student B, turn to page 130.

7a TASK Work with a partner. Practise asking for and giving directions. Choose one of the options below. Student A, turn to page 126. Student B, turn to page 130.

- 1 asking for directions around a company
- 2 asking for directions around a university
- 3 asking for directions around Paris

b Choose a different situation and change roles so you both practise asking for and giving directions. Use the Language for speaking box to help you.

LANGUAGE FOR SPEAKING asking for and giving directions

Asking for directions

Please could you tell me how to get to ...?
Excuse me, is this the right way to ...?
I'm looking for the ...
Is it far?

Can you show me on the map?

Giving directions

Go straight along/down/past/through ... Cross ...
Keep going until you reach ... Turn left/right.
Take the first right/second left.

Saying where something is

You'll see ... It's the (building) ... on the left/right.
You can't miss it. It's on the ground/first/second/top floor.

Saying how long it takes

It's five minutes' walk from here.
It takes about ten minutes.

Checking understanding

OK, so it's left at the ... then second right?
Is that right?
So I need to go through ...

Writing text messages

8 Work in a group and answer the questions.

- 1 Who sends the most texts a day?
- 2 Are they mostly texts for work or texts to friends?
- 3 Do you use 'text speak' in your language? If so, how is it different from normal writing?

9 Look at the text messages and match the senders to the messages.

- a family b delivery company c friends

1 18 January

RU home yet? Pls could U pick me up now? Sx

Yes, that's fine. Will get there asap Mumx Thnx!

2 07 March

Hi! Where RU? We're waiting for you in the café just along the road from school. CU soon? Jx

Gr8. Sry I'm late – missed the bus. I'm on my way now. CU soon! Lx

3 31 May

Your order is out for delivery today. To check your order details, please go to www.lander-europe.co.uk and enter 457987200.

10 Work with a partner. Cover the Language for writing box and guess what the highlighted abbreviations in the text messages mean. Then check your answers with the box.

LANGUAGE FOR WRITING abbreviations in texts

People sometimes use abbreviations or the short forms of words in text messages. This style is more informal. Here are some common examples:

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| please = pls | are you = RU |
| see you = CU | as soon as possible = asap |
| you = U | thanks = thnx |
| great = GR8 | sorry = sry |
| x = a kiss after someone's initial
(e.g. Sx = love from Sarah) | |

11 TASK With your partner, write texts to each other.

- A** Ask Student B if he/she can meet you at the café where you are now.
- B** Say yes and ask where the café is.
- A** Give directions.
- B** Say what you are doing right now and say when you can get to the place.

