

Asking for Directions & Bus Routes in Edinburgh

A2/B1 • GENERAL
ENGLISH

TEACHER'S ANSWER
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Part 2 — Mix & Match: Key Vocabulary

- ✓ **1** → C — Castle = A large, strong historic building built for kings, queens, or military defense.
- ✓ **2** → H — Double-decker bus = A large bus with two levels, often used for sightseeing tours.
- ✓ **3** → E — Bus stop = The place where you stand to wait for a bus.
- ✓ **4** → G — Day Ticket = A ticket that lets you travel all day on buses for a fixed price.
- ✓ **5** → I — Route = The specific path or road that a bus (or a walker) takes to reach a destination.
- ✓ **6** → A — Landmark = A well-known building or feature that helps people recognize a location.
- ✓ **7** → D — Roundabout = A circular junction where traffic moves in one direction around a central island.
- ✓ **8** → F — Tourist Information Centre = A place where visitors can get free maps, advice, and tickets.
- ✓ **9** → B — Contactless card = A bank card you tap to pay instantly, without entering a PIN.

Part 5 — True or False: Answers

- ✓ **1.** False — Edinburgh Castle is very close to the Tourist Information Centre; Ross tells Elena she can walk there.
- ✓ **2.** True — Ross tells Elena to take the number 14 bus towards Greendykes to reach Craigmillar Castle.
- ✓ **3.** False — A single bus ticket costs £2.00; the Adult Day Ticket costs £5.50.
- ✓ **4.** True — The main tour bus departure point is on St Andrew Square, next to the tram stop.

- ✓ **5.** True — Ross says entrance to the National Museum of Scotland is free.

Part 6 — Fill in the Blanks: Answers

- ✓ 1. get — “Excuse me, how do I get to the Royal Mile?”
- ✓ 2. straight — “Walk straight ahead for 200 metres.”
- ✓ 3. off — “You need to get off the bus at Craigmillar Castle Road.”
- ✓ 4. hop-off — “With a tour bus, you can hop on and hop-off whenever you like.”
- ✓ 5. opposite — “The museum is located opposite the café.”

Part 6B — Find the Word: Synonyms in the Dialogue

- ✓ 1. outside
- ✓ 2. recommend
- ✓ 3. fantastic
- ✓ 4. can't miss it
- ✓ 5. welcome
- ✓ 6. distance

Part 6C — Sentence Rephrasing: Key Word Transformation

- ✓ 1. close
- ✓ 2. need to
- ✓ 3. price
- ✓ 4. hop on and hop off
- ✓ 5. free
- ✓ *Accept minor variations that keep the given word, the original meaning, and stay within 1–8 words.*

Part 8 — Watch & Reflect (Open Discussion)

- ✓ These questions are based on an external video, so answers will vary by student — there is no single correct answer.
- ✓ Language: Julia's directions include phrases such as "go straight on" and "then left a bit" — both use the imperative and match the "Giving Directions" patterns practiced earlier in the lesson.
- ✓ Comprehension: Encourage the student to notice that being in the same building is not the same as being in the same place — Sammy and Julia are actually on different floors, which is the source of the confusion.
- ✓ Use the "Your Take" question as a genuine discussion prompt — ask the student to describe a real mix-up in their own words.

Part 9 — Roleplay: Model Answer

"Tourist: Excuse me, could you help me? I'm trying to get to Holyrood Palace. Local: Of course! Is it within walking distance from here? Tourist: That's what I wanted to ask — which bus goes there? Local: Take bus number 35 towards Ocean Terminal. Get on right outside the station. Tourist: Where is the nearest bus stop for it, and how long does the journey take? Local: It's just at the end of this street, opposite the taxi rank — about ten minutes on the bus. Tourist: Perfect, and how much is a ticket? Local: A single ticket is £2.00, or you can tap your contactless card. Get off at the stop right next to the palace gates — you can't miss it. Tourist: Thank you so much for your help!"

- ✓ Uses at least three phrases from the "Asking for Directions" column (e.g. "How do I get to...?", "Which bus goes to...?", "Is ... within walking distance?", "Where is the nearest bus stop for...?").
- ✓ The local's reply includes at least one imperative (Take / Go / Turn) and one preposition of place (opposite / next to / at the end of).
- ✓ States a specific bus number, an approximate journey time, and a ticket price in £.
- ✓ Includes at least one phrasal verb: get on, get off, or hop on/hop off.

Part 10 — Homework: Sample Response (for tutor reference)

"If you're wondering, 'How do I get to the National Museum of Scotland from the hotel?', it's easy. From your hotel on Princes Street, walk straight ahead towards the Royal Mile and turn right at the traffic lights. If you'd rather take the bus, take bus number 23 towards Tollcross and get off at the National Museum stop — it's next to the main entrance, opposite a small café. Entrance is free, and most Edinburgh residents are happy to help with directions too!"

- ✓ 60–80 words, written as advice for a friend.
- ✓ Includes at least 4 target phrases: "How do I get to...", "Take bus number...", "Get off at...", "It is next to / opposite..."
- ✓ Uses at least one imperative correctly (e.g. walk, turn, take, get off).