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# DRIVING

Question: *Is it important to know how to drive? Are you a good driver?*



- Complete the paragraph on the right with the words on the left.



## Robotic Cars in 2020

The year is 2020, and it's 7:45 on a rainy, Monday morning. You are in your car and on your way to work. You turn left, and then you (1)\_\_\_\_\_. A few minutes later, you stop at a (2)\_\_\_\_\_. When the light turns (3)\_\_\_\_\_ and there are no other cars in the (4)\_\_\_\_\_, you continue on your way. Ten minutes later you arrive at work and you stop reading the morning newspaper. Then, you get out of your car and say, "Thank you!" Your car replies, "You're welcome!" This may sound like science fiction, but in fact many car companies are already testing robotic cars, or "driverless cars", on the (5)\_\_\_\_\_ today (although the cars don't speak very much).

In the 1980s, Germany and the United States tested the first driverless cars, and by 2020 companies such as Volvo, GM, Nissan, and BMW plan to sell driverless cars. Driverless cars are not really "driverless" – the "drivers" are (6)\_\_\_\_\_ that use radar, computer maps, and other modern technology. Driverless cars offer many advantages: fewer deaths caused by road (7)\_\_\_\_\_, less time in (8)\_\_\_\_\_, and no need for people to have a driving (9)\_\_\_\_\_. A few years from now you will be sitting in a robotic, driverless (10)\_\_\_\_\_. Are you ready?

- A accidents *n.*
- C car *n.*
- computers *n.*
- G green *n.*
- I intersection *n.*
- L license *n.*
- R roads *n.*
- T traffic jams *n.*
- traffic light *n.*
- turn right *v.*

(about 210 words)

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### Vocabulary Practice

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

- |                    |          |   |
|--------------------|----------|---|
| 1. advantage       | <u>D</u> | A. to do something without stopping                       |
| 2. continue        | _____    | B. to give an answer                                      |
| 3. radar           | _____    | C. a machine controlled by a computer                     |
| 4. reply           | _____    | D. something good that can help a person                  |
| 5. robot           | _____    | E. stories about people and science in the future         |
| 6. science fiction | _____    | F. a long line of cars on the road that are moving slowly |
| 7. technology      | _____    | G. radio waves that tell you speed and location           |
| 8. traffic jam     | _____    | H. the use of science to make useful things, machines     |

### How Much Do You Understand?

- Write 'T' for True, or 'F' for False.

1. T The first paragraph is about something not yet real.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ The second paragraph describes robotic cars.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Robotic cars can read newspapers.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Germany and the United States sold the first robotic cars in the 1980s.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ In 2020, no one will die in car accidents.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ If you have a driverless car, you will not need a driving license.

### Discuss

- Ask and answer the following questions with your classmates.

1. How was life different for people before cars were invented?
2. Why will there be fewer road accidents when there are driverless cars?
3. Do you think driving is a car a fun activity? Why? / Why not?
4. What are the disadvantages of having driverless, robotic cars on the roads?

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### Grammar-in-Context

- Complete the paragraph by circling the correct words.

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In the 1980s, Germany and the United States **(6)**\_\_\_\_\_ the first driverless cars, and by 2020 companies such as Volvo, GM, Nissan, and BMW plan to **(7)**\_\_\_\_\_ driverless cars. Driverless cars **(8)**\_\_\_\_\_ really "driverless" – the "drivers" **(9)**\_\_\_\_\_ computers that use radar, computer maps, and other modern technology. Driverless cars offer **(10)**\_\_\_\_\_ advantages: fewer deaths caused by road accidents, **(11)**\_\_\_\_\_ time in traffic jams, and no need for people to have a driving license. A few years from now you **(12)**\_\_\_\_\_ sitting in a robotic, driverless car. Are you ready?

1.

- (A) you
- (B) your
- (C) you're
- (D) yours

5.

- (A) not
- (B) aren't
- (C) don't
- (D) isn't

9.

- (A) were
- (B) is
- (C) are
- (D) does

2.

- (A) in
- (B) to
- (C) on
- (D) at

6.

- (A) test
- (B) tested
- (C) tests
- (D) testing

10.

- (A) any
- (B) many
- (C) an
- (D) much

3.

- (A) there are
- (B) there
- (C) are
- (D) there is

7.

- (A) sell
- (B) selling
- (C) sold
- (D) sells

11.

- (A) less
- (B) few
- (C) fewer
- (D) less than

4.

- (A) work
- (B) working
- (C) works
- (D) worked

8.

- (A) no
- (B) do not
- (C) not
- (D) are not

12.

- (A) will
- (B) will have
- (C) will be
- (D) be

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## *Robotic Cars in 2020*



### Writing Practice – Spelling and Capitals

- Try to find the one spelling or capital mistake in each line of the paragraph below.

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### Listening and Writing Practice

- Listen to your teacher and complete the paragraph.

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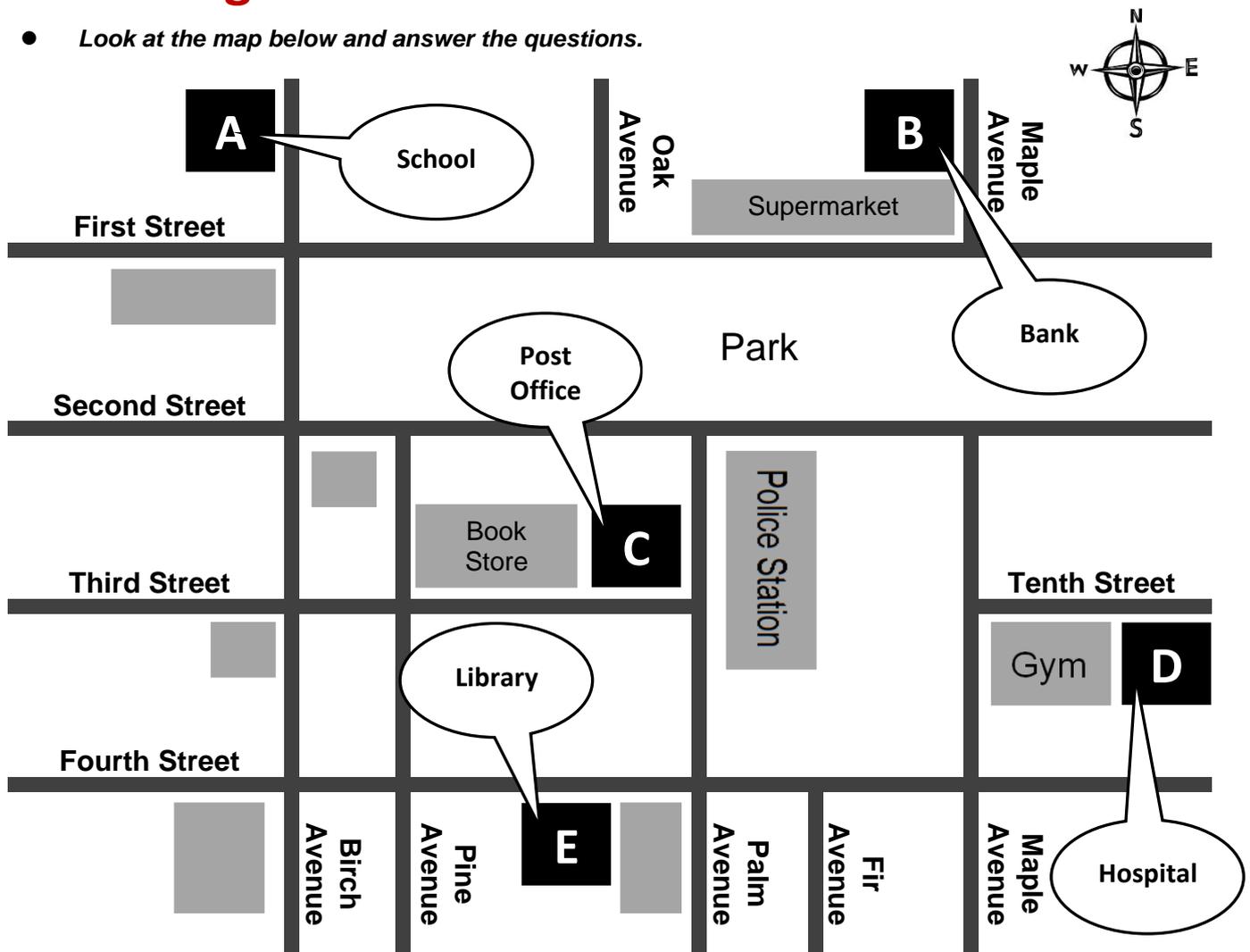
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## Following directions

- Look at the map below and answer the questions.



- The book store is *next to* the ... (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)
- The police station is *across from* the ... (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)
- [You are at the school 'A']** Walk straight along Birch Avenue for four blocks. Then turn left onto Fourth Street, and walk two more blocks. It's on your right. *Where are you?* (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)
- [You are at the bank 'B']** Walk west along First Street until you get to Birch Avenue, and then turn left. Go one block, and then turn left onto Second Street. Walk along Second Street for several blocks, past the park. When you get to Maple Avenue, turn right. Go one more block, and then turn left onto Tenth. It's next to a gym. *Where are you?* (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)
- [You are at the library 'E']** Walk west along Fourth Street until you get to Birch Avenue. Then turn right and keep going north until you get to First Street. Cross the intersection and you can see it on your left. *Where are you?* (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)
- [You are at the post office 'C']** Walk south along Palm Avenue until you get to Fourth Street and then turn left. Go two blocks, turn left again, and then turn right onto Tenth. It's on your right. *Where are you?* (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

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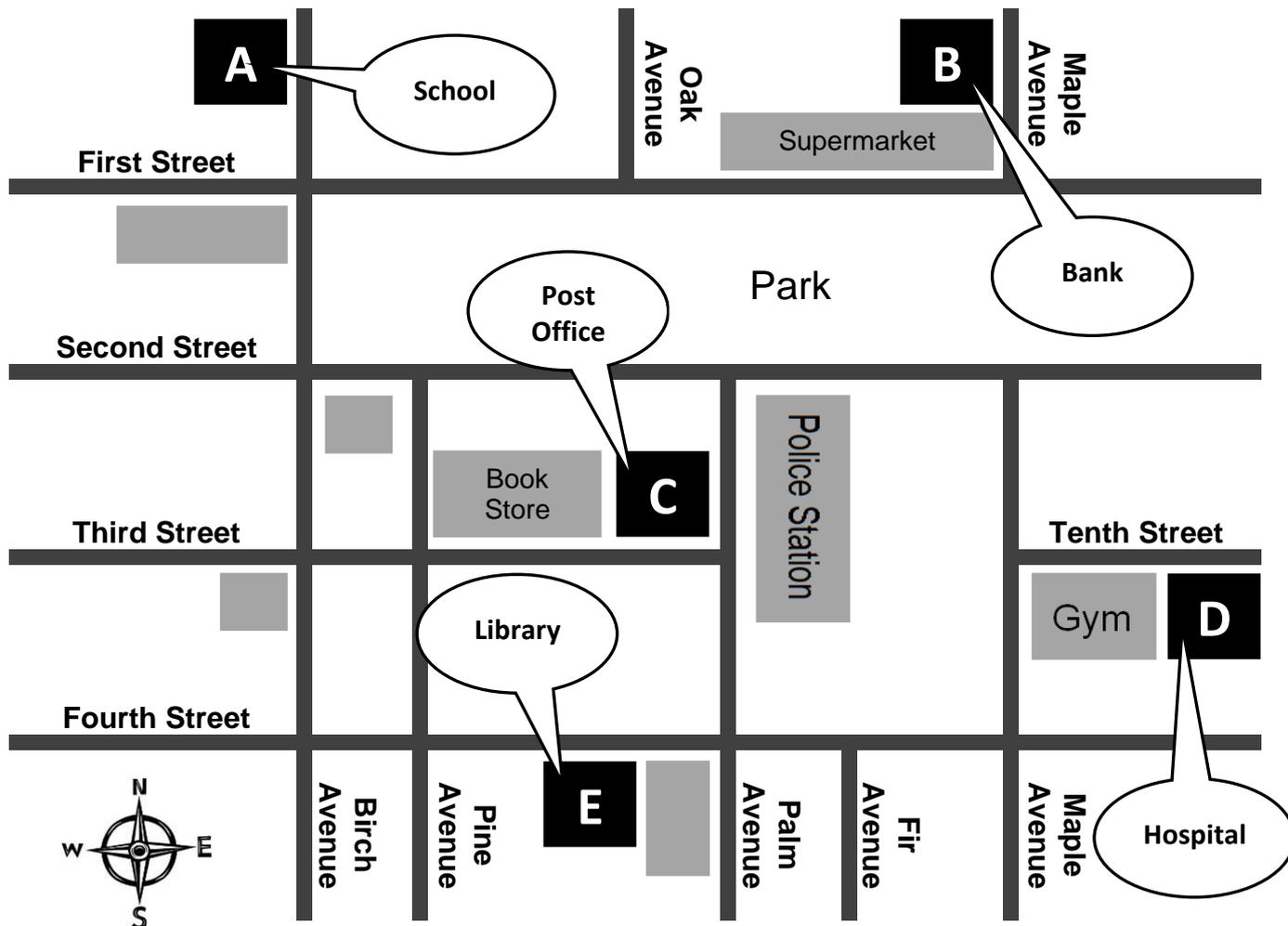
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# Giving directions



## Writing Practice 1

- Write directions from (1) the school to the hospital, and (2) the hospital to the library.



[You are at the school 'A']

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[You are at the hospital 'D']

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# Giving and following directions

go straight  
turn right / left

go one block  
go two blocks

on the corner  
across from

next to  
between

Where do these people live? Ask your partner for directions.

**Kim**  
**David**  
**John**  
**Mark**  
**Alice**

**Start here**





# LESSON

# Driving: Robotic Cars

**Language Focus** Imperatives (for giving and following directions)

**Level** Intermediate to Advanced

**Time** Approximately 120 – 180 minutes

## ANSWER KEY

### ● Complete the Paragraph

1. turn right
2. traffic light
3. green
4. intersection
5. roads
6. computers
7. accidents
8. traffic jams
9. license
10. car

### ● Vocabulary Practice

- |      |      |
|------|------|
| 1. D | 5. C |
| 2. A | 6. E |
| 3. G | 7. H |
| 4. B | 8. F |

### ● How Much Do You Understand?

1. T
2. T
3. F (The passengers can read them.)
4. F (They tested the cars in the 1980s.)
5. F (There will be fewer deaths.)
6. T

### ● Grammar-in-Context

- |      |      |       |
|------|------|-------|
| 1. B | 5. C | 9. C  |
| 2. D | 6. B | 10. B |
| 3. A | 7. A | 11. A |
| 4. A | 8. D | 12. C |

### ● Following Directions

1. C (post office)
2. C (post office)
3. E (library)
4. D (hospital)
5. A (school)
6. D (hospital)

### ● Spelling and Capitals

- |                          |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Monday                | 12. United     |
| 2. You                   | 13. Volvo      |
| 3. minutes               | 14. plan       |
| 4. When                  | 15. computers  |
| 5. continue              | 16. modern     |
| 6. reading               | 17. advantages |
| 7. newspaper.            | 18. accidents  |
| 8. <u>You're</u> welcome | 19. license.   |
| 9. but                   | 20. sitting    |
| 10. robotic              | 21. ready?     |
| 11. speak                |                |

### ● Homework Idea

Write an opinion essay (see attached worksheet). In the next class, get into a small group and read aloud your paragraph.

*Do you have any comments or suggestions? Did you find any errors in this lesson plan? Contact me via Facebook, I'd love to hear from you!*  
~Robert

## EXPLORE *on-line sources and resources:*

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Driverless\\_cars](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Driverless_cars)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l0Z-iXUn9Yc>

<http://www.esl-lab.com/eslbasic/travel-sightseeing-1.htm>

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