Finding the way

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Grade 3 Second Language: Finding the Way (5 lessons, about 3 weeks)

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Back to the grade 3 year plan - Term 3. Builds on grade 3 terms 1 and 2: The Market and Weather and Seasons, grade 2: A Short Scene, and the grade 3 society unit Maps, routes, and places.

In grade 2 children asked **[Where is the ___?]** and answered **[It is in / on / under the ___]**; in grade 3 they played information-gap pair games behind a screen. This unit adds four direction words (**[left]**, **[right]**, **[straight on]**, **[stop]**), the instructions **[Turn left]**, **[Turn right]** and **[Go straight on]**, nine place names with their signs, two new position words (**[next to]** and **[opposite]**), and the polite question **[Excuse me, where is the ___?]**. At the end, children move a token along a route on a map of Little Hill when they hear the directions, and some give a short route to a partner.

Which language?

This unit works with any language the school teaches. Before lesson 1, fill in the **word card** below. In the lessons, words in square brackets, like **[Turn left]**, mean "say this in the language you are teaching".

English meaning	Your language	Gesture or picture to go with it
left, right		hold up the hand on that side (the hand with the wristband sticker is the left hand)
straight on		both hands flat, pointing forwards, move ahead together
stop		one hand up, palm out
Turn left / Turn right		the arm on that side sweeps round to the side
Go straight on		as straight on, a little longer
on the left / on the right		pat the side of the desk on that side
bakery, post office, library, market, café, toy shop, park, pond, bridge		the nine place cards and their sign symbols (below)
next to		two fists side by side, touching
opposite		two flat hands facing each other, a gap between them
Where is the ___? / It is next to ___ / It is opposite ___		open hands and a questioning face; then the next to or opposite gesture

English meaning	Your language	Gesture or picture to go with it
Excuse me / Thank you		a small raised hand; a nod and a smile
Stop at the ___		the stop hand, then point to the place
What is on the left / on the right? / What is opposite?		a questioning face, then pat the desk on that side, or the opposite gesture
Is this the ___? / Is the ___ next to / opposite the ___? / Is the ___ on the left?		a questioning face; answers with yes or no (tick or cross card)
(review from grade 2) Where is the ___? / It is in / on / under the ___		as in grade 2
(review) one to twenty, yes, no, please		as in earlier units

The gestures are the author's choice; keep them the same every time.

Left and right warning: left and right depend on which way you are facing. When the teacher faces the class and holds up the left hand, the children see it on **their** right. In this unit the teacher **turns round** (back to the class, looking the same way as the children) to show **[left]** and **[right]**, or shows them on the token. On the map, left and right are always the token's left and right, and the token's arrow shows which way it faces. Many children (and adults) mix up left and right; that is normal, and it is why there is a wristband sticker.

Grammar warning: languages give directions in different ways. Some use a separate word for "turn", some use one word for "turn left"; some say "straight ahead", "go forward" or "always straight". **[next to]** and **[opposite]** may change the noun after them (for example a different case or a small word before it): say **[It is next to the market]** the way a fluent speaker would. Children only need to **understand** the phrases and **show** their answers; saying them is invited, never required.

Directions warning: not every language or community gives directions with left and right. Some use compass directions (north, south, east, west) or the land (uphill, downhill, towards the river) even for small distances, and many people give directions by landmarks ("past the bakery"). Little Hill uses left and right because the year plan asks for them. If your language usually does it differently, teach the usual way as an extra, but keep the Little Hill routes the same.

Sign language warning: if the language is a sign language, directions and places are shown **in the space** in front of the signer, and the signer's left is the watcher's right. That is the language, and it is fine. In the checks, ask the child to move the token or point to the map instead, so the sign itself does not give the answer away.

The Little Hill map

All five lessons, the pair game and the one-to-one check use the same **map of Little Hill**. It is a made-up town, drawn from above, with north at the top. Made up by the author; free to change, but change it everywhere.

- **Bridge Road** runs up the middle of the map, from the **START star** at the bottom to the **bridge** over the river at the top.
- **Main Street** runs across the middle. Where it meets Bridge Road is **the crossroads**.
- Every place is a box with its **name** and its **sign** (a simple picture) on it. There are nine places:

Place	Where it is on the map	Sign
bakery	lower Bridge Road, left side (west)	a loaf of bread
post office	lower Bridge Road, right side (east), **opposite** the bakery	an envelope
library	Main Street, left of the crossroads, top side (north), with grass between it and the crossroads	an open book
market	Main Street, at the left end (west), top side, **next to** the library	a basket of apples
café (Remy's café)	Main Street, right of the crossroads, top side (north)	a cup
toy shop	Main Street, right of the crossroads, bottom side (south), **opposite** the café	a ball
park	Main Street, at the right end (east), top side, **next to** the café	a tree
pond	upper Bridge Road, left side (west), at the top	a duck
bridge	the top end of Bridge Road, over the river, **next to** the pond	an arch

Everything else on the map is grass, so these are the only "next to" and "opposite" pairs:

- **opposite:** bakery and post office; café and toy shop.
- **next to:** library and market; café and park; pond and bridge.

The bottom side of Main Street to the left of the crossroads, the space next to the toy shop, and the right side of upper Bridge Road are grass. **Draw the grass gaps clearly**, so that, for example, the library is not "next to" the crossroads or the pond.

Routes. The token is a card arrow. It always starts on the START star, **facing up the map** (north). Routes use only these instructions:

- **[Go straight on]**: move the token up Bridge Road to the crossroads; at the crossroads, **[Go straight on]** moves it up to the bridge.
- **[Turn left]** / **[Turn right]** at the crossroads: turn the token to face along Main Street that way, then move it along.
- **[Stop at the ___]**: stop the token beside that place, even partway along a road.

Route (from START, facing up)	Where the token ends	What is on the left and right on the way
Go straight on. Stop at the bakery.	beside the bakery	bakery on the left, post office on the right
Go straight on. Turn left. Stop at the library.	beside the library	library on the right (north side, when facing left/west)
Go straight on. Turn left. Stop at the market.	at the market (end of Main Street)	library on the right on the way
Go straight on. Turn right. Stop at the café.	beside the café	café on the left, toy shop on the right
Go straight on. Turn right. Stop at the park.	at the park (end of Main Street)	café on the left and toy shop on the right on the way
Go straight on. Go straight on. Stop at the pond.	beside the pond	pond on the left
Go straight on. Go straight on. Stop at the bridge.	at the bridge	pond on the left on the way

Note for the teacher: after **[Turn left]**, the token faces left (west), so the top side of Main Street is on **its right**. After **[Turn right]**, the top side is on its left. Children do not need to explain this; it is why the token has an arrow.

Keep the full map away from the children until lesson 3. In lesson 2 they meet the places on cards; in lesson 4 each partner has only half of the labels.

Big idea

We can **find our way** in a new language: understand left, right and straight on, know places by their names and signs, say where a place is (**next to** or **opposite** another one), ask **[Where is the ___?]**, and follow a short route on a map.

Outcomes

By the end of the unit, most children can:

1. Show **[left]**, **[right]**, **[straight on]** and **[stop]** when they are said, with the gesture, an arrow card or the token.
2. Point to the right place card or sign when one of the nine place names is said.
3. Show which place is **[next to]** or **[opposite]** another on the Little Hill map, and answer **[Where is the ___?]** by pointing to the map or saying **[It is next to / opposite ___]**.
4. In the pair game, ask where a place is (the whole question, or the place card with the question gesture) and place it on their map from the answer.
5. Move the token along a two- or three-step route on the map when they hear it (for example **[Go straight on. Turn right. Stop at the café.]**).

Prior knowledge

- A Short Scene (grade 2): **[Where is the ___?]** and **[It is in / on / under the ___]**.
- The Market and Weather and Seasons (grade 3 terms 1 and 2): information-gap pair games with a screen; Little Hill as a made-up town.
- Grade 3 society, Maps, routes, and places: reading a simple map from above. It helps, but it is **not** needed here.
- Children who missed earlier units can still take part; every word has a card, a sign or a gesture.

Lessons

Keep the 1-minute greeting chant at the start of each day.

Lesson	Title	Time	Core idea
1	Left, right, straight on	30 min	The four direction words and three instructions, with gestures, arrow cards and a token on a crossroads card
2	Places and signs	30 min	The nine place names and their signs; **[Where is the ___?]** with signs around the room
3	Next to and opposite	30 min	**[next to]** and **[opposite]** on the Little Hill map; building the map from spoken clues
4	Excuse me, where is the café? (pair game)	30 min	An information-gap pair game: each partner's map has only some of the places labelled

Lesson	Title	Time	Core idea
5	Follow my directions	30 min	Moving the token along spoken routes, giving a route to a partner, and the one-to-one check

Timings: every lesson is 30 minutes (3 + 7 + 12 + 3 + 5; in lesson 5 the one-to-one check is spread over the week).

Materials

Whole class unless noted.

- The filled-in word card (above), kept where the teacher can see it.
- **Wristband stickers:** one small sticker per child, worn on the back of the **left** hand, or a loose paper wristband (never tight) for children who prefer not to wear a sticker. Latex-free.
- **Four large arrow cards:** an arrow pointing left, an arrow pointing right, an arrow pointing up (straight on) and a hand (stop). Each card has a clear shape, not colour alone.
- **Small arrow cards per child:** the same four, small enough to hold up (lessons 1 and 5).
- **Crossroads cards per pair** (lesson 1): a card with a plus-shaped road drawn on it (one road up and down, one across) and a star at the bottom, no places.
- **Tokens:** one per pair (lessons 1, 3 and 5) and one for the check: a small card arrow (for example a triangle of thick card), with a clear point and a dot at the back, about 3 cm long.
- **Nine large place cards:** each with the place name written in the language and its sign (see the map table). Big enough to see from the back of the room.
- **Nine small place cards per pair** (lessons 2, 3 and 4): the same name and sign, sized to fit a box on the pair map.
- **The large Little Hill map** (above): a poster with all nine places labelled. Kept hidden until lesson 3.
- **Blank pair maps** (lesson 3, one per pair): the Little Hill map with the roads, the START star, the river and the nine boxes drawn, but the boxes empty.
- **Pair-game sheets per pair** (lesson 4): sheet A, sheet B and their answer strips (see lesson 4), a folder or book to stand up as a screen, and a pencil per child.
- **Pair maps with all nine places labelled** (lesson 5, one per pair): small copies of the large map.
- **Route strips** (lesson 5): strips of card with picture steps (up arrow, left arrow, right arrow, hand, then a place sign), as listed in lesson 5.
- **Tick and cross cards:** one of each per child, as in earlier units.
- **Check things** (lesson 5): one token, one crossroads card, six small place cards (bakery, post office, library, café, park, bridge), a pair map with all nine places labelled, and the record sheet (class list with five columns).
- Paper and pencils for children who want to draw or write (every lesson).
- A lap tray for a child in a wheelchair, if needed (every lesson).
- Ear defenders and a quiet spot, as in every unit.
- Optional, for blind or low-vision children: **tactile arrow cards** (raised arrows and a raised hand outline), a **tactile token** (a card triangle with a raised ridge down the middle and a felt dot at the back), a **tactile crossroads card** (roads made of glued string, a raised star at the bottom), **tactile place cards** (the sign as a raised shape or a small object glued on: a pasta "loaf" shape for the bakery, a folded paper envelope, a mini card book, a dried-bean apple pile in a paper basket, a felt cup, a small bead ball, a felt tree, a felt duck, a card arch), **tactile route strips** (lesson 5: the same steps as raised arrows and a raised hand, with the tactile sign glued at the end), and a **tactile Little Hill map** with string

roads, a raised star, a raised wavy river line and box outlines in raised lines, the boxes big enough for a tactile place card. Large-print copies of all sheets and strips.
- Optional: a fluent speaker's recording of the word card and the routes.

⚠ Safety and access

Safety

- Every movement in this unit can be done seated. If children stand to turn left and right, they turn on the spot beside their chair, with space around them; nobody walks around the room with eyes closed or follows directions blindfolded.
- In lesson 2 the large place cards are fixed to the walls at a height every child can see and reach from a chair, away from doors and heaters; children point from their seats or walk, not run, to a card.
- Tokens, small cards and the tactile items are not put in mouths; use pasta and beans only where no child is likely to eat them, and check for allergies first. Pencils are used at desks and collected at the end.

Privacy and feelings

- **Never ask** children where they live, how they come to school, where they go after school, which shops their family uses, or to draw or describe any real route. All places and routes are in Little Hill.
- If a child volunteers a real route or address, thank them, and move gently back to Little Hill. Do not write it down or repeat it.
- Some children find left and right hard for a long time, and some have dyspraxia or other differences that make it harder. Never laugh at a wrong turn; the wristband sticker and the token are there to help, not to mark anyone out.

Taking part

- **Speaking is optional.** Pointing, gestures, holding up arrow cards, moving the token and placing cards all count. Never make a child speak or move alone in front of others.
- **Movement:** every gesture has a seated, hands-only version. Turning on the spot is never required.
- **Children new to the school language:** keep gestures identical every time and accept answers in any language.
- **Noise:** quiet spot and ear defenders allowed; in whole-class games children answer with cards or gestures, not shouting.

Seeing, hearing and colour

- **Colour vision:** arrow cards, signs and the map use shapes and words, never colour alone. Roads, grass and the river differ by pattern (grass hatched, the river with wavy lines). If a child mixes up only colours, do not record it as a language gap.
- **Blind children:** use the tactile arrow cards, tactile token, tactile crossroads card, tactile place cards and the tactile map. Before each activity, guide the child's hand once along the roads from the star. Keep check things in fixed places and say where each one is. Moving the tactile token, or pointing to a tactile place card, is a full answer.
- **Low-vision children:** large, high-contrast cards and maps; seat them near the large map, or give them their own large-print copy.

- **Deaf or hard-of-hearing children:** keep your face visible; do the gesture or show the card every time you say the word. When showing left and right with your back turned, glance over your shoulder or hold up the arrow card as well.
- **Wheelchair users:** all activities are on desks or a lap tray; the token and small cards fit on a lap tray. In lesson 1 the "turn" can be shown with the arms or the token.

Assessment

Lesson 5 includes a five-part check, done one-to-one (about 3 minutes each child; spread over the week). Ask everything without gestures and without pointing or looking at the answer. Record each part as **yes**, **with help** or **not yet**:

1. **Direction words:** put the token on the crossroads card at the star, facing up. Say **[left]**, **[right]**, **[straight on]** and **[stop]**, one at a time, in a mixed order; for each, the child shows it by turning or moving the token (for **[stop]**, the token does not move), by holding up the small arrow card, or with the gesture. Yes = four of four.
2. **Places:** lay out the six small place cards (bakery, post office, library, café, park, bridge), shuffled. Say **[library]**, **[café]**, **[post office]** and **[bridge]**; the child points to each. Yes = four of four.
3. **Next to and opposite:** show the pair map with all nine places labelled. Ask **[Where is the post office?]** and **[Where is the market?]**. The child points to the place on the map, or says **[It is opposite the bakery]** / **[It is next to the library]**. Then point to the café and ask **[Is the toy shop next to the café?]** (no; it is opposite). Yes = all three.
4. **Asking:** put the small café card in front of the child. Say, in the school language, "Ask me where this is." The child asks **[Where is the café?]** (or **[Excuse me, where is the café?]**), or shows the café card with the question gesture. Answer, and thank them. Yes = they ask in any of these ways.
5. **Follow a route:** put the token on START on the pair map, facing up. Say **[Go straight on. Turn right. Stop at the park.]**, then, from START again, **[Go straight on. Turn left. Stop at the library.]**. The child moves the token. Small slips in how far the token goes do not matter; the turns and the stopping place do. Yes = both routes.

Doing it in their own way (pointing, signs, gestures, the child's usual access) counts as **yes**. "Not yet" is normal for some children; the games can be played again any time. **Giving** a route to a partner in lesson 5 is a stretch and is **not** recorded: notice it, but do not score it. Mixing up left and right is recorded as it happened, with a note if the child corrected it using the wristband sticker (that counts as **with help**).

Sources

- NCSSFL-ACTFL Can-Do Statements, Novice: https://www.actfl.org/uploads/files/general/Resources-Publications/Can-Do-Novice.pdf (read 13 November 2026; the quoted lines and their sublevels were checked against the PDF page layout). These are performance indicators and examples, not a curriculum, and the unit is not a full alignment. Lines used for this unit, quoted exactly:
  - Interpretive, informational texts, Novice Low (PDF page 15): written example "I can identify some locations or stores by their signs." (the place signs, lesson 2; outcome 2); spoken, viewed, or signed example "I can understand simple directions to a familiar place." (lessons 1 and 5; outcomes 1 and 5).

    - Same page, Novice High example: "I can follow directions in a scavenger hunt game." (following a route to find a place, lesson 5; a stretch beyond Novice Low).
    - Interpersonal, Novice Low (PDF page 19): "I can provide information by answering a few simple questions" (answering **[Where is the ___?]**; outcomes 3 and 4).
    - Interpersonal, Novice High (PDF page 21), speaking example: "I can ask for directions when I'm lost." (asking **[Excuse me, where is the ___?]** in the pair game; a stretch, and Little Hill is made up, so nobody is really lost).
    - Presentational, Novice Low (PDF page 23), writing example: "I can write the names of places on a map." (the optional stretch in lesson 3: writing place names on the blank map; most children place cards instead).
    - Same page, Novice Mid example: "I can tell the location of a city relative to another city on a map." (the unit uses places in one town, not cities: **[It is next to / opposite ___]**; outcome 3).
    - Same page, Novice High example: "I can give simple directions to a nearby location." (giving a route to a partner in lesson 5; a stretch, not recorded).
- Wikipedia, "Guugu Yimithirr language": https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guugu_Yimithirr_language (read 13 November 2026). The article says the language "is notable for its use of pure geographic directions (north, south, east, west) rather than egocentric directions (left, right, forward, backward)", adding that such "purity" is disputed. This is the reason for the directions warning above; it is one example, not a survey of languages.
- Wikipedia, "Total physical response": https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Total_physical_response . As in earlier units: commands answered with actions, listening before speaking, low stress (lessons 1 and 5).
- Wikipedia, "Information gap task": https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Information_gap_task (read 9 November 2026). Learners are missing information and must communicate to fill the gap. The pair game in lesson 4 is an information gap: each partner's map has only some of the places labelled.

Known gaps and cautions

- Four other agents (Gemini 3.5 Flash, Gemini 3.8 Flash, Gemini 4 Argon and Gemini 4 Carbon, all at ce47029) text-checked this unit on 2026-11-13. Three reported no errors; Gemini 4 Carbon reported two items (question phrases missing from the word card; tactile place cards, tactile crossroads card and tick and cross cards missing from lesson 5 Materials), fixed in 83e6bd1, and Gemini 4 Argon and Gemini 4 Carbon re-checked the fix. Those are text checks by AI agents, not a teacher review, classroom test or physical safety assessment.
- **No pronunciation help**, as in earlier units. Use a fluent speaker's recording if needed.
- **Left and right are hard.** Many children are still learning which is which in their first language at this age; the unit gives the wristband sticker and the token's arrow as help, and records "with help" honestly. Outcome 1 is about the words, but a child's own left-right confusion can look like a language gap.
- **The map, the place names, the signs, the gestures and the routes are the author's.** The Can-Do Statements describe what learners can do; they do not list words or places for a grade 3 class. Several of the lines quoted are Novice Mid or Novice High examples, used here as stretches.
- Routes are short (at most one turn) and only on the Little Hill map. Real directions with distances ("the second street"), compass words, "past", "before" and "after" are not taught. Writing directions is not taught.

- The year plan says "asking for and giving directions". In this unit children **ask where** a place is and **answer with next to or opposite**; **giving** a whole route is only a stretch in lesson 5. Asking for directions in the full sense ("How do I get to ___?") is not taught.
- Timings are untested.

The lesson order matters: children learn the direction words with the token (lesson 1) before they need them on the map; they meet the places by their signs (lesson 2) before they place them on the map with **[next to]** and **[opposite]** (lesson 3); they need both for the pair game (lesson 4); and following whole routes comes last (lesson 5).

Lesson 1: Left, right, straight on

Unit overview - Next: Lesson 2: Places and signs

Goal: Children show **[left]**, **[right]**, **[straight on]** and **[stop]** with a gesture, an arrow card or a token, and move a token on a crossroads card when they hear **[Go straight on]**, **[Turn left]**, **[Turn right]** and **[Stop]**.

Length: about 30 minutes.

Materials

- The word card.
- Wristband stickers (one per child, latex-free), and loose paper wristbands for children who prefer not to wear a sticker.
- The four large arrow cards: left, right, up (straight on) and a hand (stop).
- Small arrow cards: one set of four per child.
- Crossroads cards: one per pair, plus the check crossroads card for the teacher.
- Tokens: one per pair, plus the check token for the teacher.
- Paper and pencils for children who want to draw or write.
- A lap tray for a child in a wheelchair, if needed.
- Ear defenders and a quiet spot.
- Optional, for blind or low-vision children: tactile arrow cards, a tactile token and a tactile crossroads card (see the unit Materials); large-print arrow cards.

Steps

✎ Opening (3 min)

Greeting chant. In the school language: "Today we learn to find our way. First, a sticker for your **left** hand." Help each child put a wristband sticker on the back of the left hand, or give a loose paper wristband instead. No child has to wear one; a child who does not want one can keep a small arrow card on the left side of the desk.

Warm-up: show me (7 min)

1. **Turn round (2 min).** Stand with your back to the class, so you face the same way as the children. Hold up your left hand and say **[left]**; children hold up the hand with the sticker. Do the same for **[right]**. Glance over your shoulder each time, so children who lip-read can see your face.
2. **The other two words (2 min).** Still facing the same way as the class, show **[straight on]** (both hands flat, pointing forwards, moving ahead) and **[stop]** (one hand up, palm out). Children copy.
3. **Arrow cards (3 min).** Turn back to face the class. Hold up each large arrow card and say its word; children do the gesture. Then say the words in a mixed order without the cards; children do the gesture. Nobody is "out". Children who like to can stand and turn on the spot beside their chair for **[Turn left]** and **[Turn right]**; everyone else turns with the arm sweep.

✎ Main activity: the token on the crossroads (12 min)

1. **Model it (3 min).** Hold up the check crossroads card flat, facing the class, with the star at the bottom. Put the check token on the star, its point facing up the card. Say: "The token is a little person. Its point shows where it is looking. Left and right are **its** left and right." Say **[Go straight on]** and move the token up to the crossroads. Say **[Turn left]** and turn the token to point along the road to the left. Say **[Go straight on]** and move it along; then **[Stop]**. Do it again with **[Turn right]**.

2. **Pairs (6 min).** Each pair has a crossroads card and a token. One child moves the token; the partner checks with their wristband sticker. Say each sequence slowly, then swap roles after each one:

    - **[Go straight on. Stop.]** (the token stops at the crossroads, still pointing up)
    - **[Go straight on. Turn right. Go straight on. Stop.]** (it ends on the right-hand road, pointing right)
    - **[Go straight on. Turn left. Go straight on. Stop.]** (it ends on the left-hand road, pointing left)
    - **[Go straight on. Go straight on. Stop.]** (it ends at the top of the card, pointing up)

    Walk round. If a token turns the wrong way, point to the wristband sticker and to the token's point; do not say "wrong".

3. **Small arrow cards (3 min).** Children put the token down and hold their four small arrow cards. Say a word; children hold up the matching card. Then invite volunteers to say a word for the class to show. Speaking is invited, never required; a volunteer can hold up a large arrow card instead.

✓ Discussion questions (with answers) (3 min)

In the school language:

- "Why did I turn round to show left and right?" (Because when I face you, my left hand is on your right side. Turning round, we all face the same way.)
- "At the star, which way does the token point?" (Up the card, towards the crossroads.)
- "After **[Turn right]**, which way does the token point?" (Along the road to the right.)

✓ Closing check (with answers) (5 min)

Children answer with a small arrow card or the gesture. Say each word without doing the gesture:

1. **[right]**
2. **[stop]**
3. **[straight on]**
4. **[left]**
5. Hold up the check crossroads card with the token at the crossroads, pointing up. Say **[Turn left]**. "Which way is the token pointing now?" Children hold up an arrow card.

Answers: the right arrow; the hand; the up arrow; the left arrow; the left arrow.

Vocabulary

New: **[left]**, **[right]**, **[straight on]**, **[stop]**, **[Turn left]**, **[Turn right]**, **[Go straight on]**.
Review: the greeting chant, **[yes]**, **[no]**.

Differentiation

- **Support:** practise only **[left]** and **[right]** first, with the wristband sticker, then add the other two. The partner may move the token first while the child watches, then the child does the same.
- **Stretch:** the child gives a sequence to their partner, saying the instructions while the partner moves the token. Or, with the token stopped on a road, the child pats the side of the desk and says **[on the left]** or **[on the right]** for the side of the road the partner points to.
- **Blind or low-vision children:** before the pair work, guide the child's hand once along the string roads of the tactile crossroads card, from the raised star up to the crossroads and along each side road. The child feels the ridge on the tactile token to know where it points, and holds up tactile arrow cards in the closing check. Low-vision children use large-print arrow cards.

⚠ Safety

- Turning on the spot is optional and only beside the child's own chair, with space around them. Nobody turns with eyes closed.
- Wristband stickers go on the back of the hand only, never the face; paper wristbands are loose. Use latex-free stickers.
- Tokens and cards are not put in mouths. Pencils are used at desks and collected at the end.

Teacher notes and misconceptions

- Facing the class and holding up your left hand shows the children a hand on **their** right. That is why you turn round in the warm-up and use the token's point in the main activity.
- Many children are still learning left and right in their first language. Mixing them up is not a language mistake; the wristband sticker is the help.
- When the token points left or right, its left and the child's left are not the same. In this lesson children only turn the token at the crossroads. Some children find it easier to turn the whole card so that the token points away from them; let them.
- Keep the gestures exactly the same every time, as written on the word card.

Lesson 2: Places and signs

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 1: Left, right, straight on - Next: Lesson 3: Next to and opposite

Goal: Children point to the right place card or sign when they hear one of the nine place names, and answer **[Where is the ___?]** by pointing.

Length: about 30 minutes.

Materials

- The word card.
- The four large arrow cards (for the opening).
- The nine large place cards, ready to fix to the walls. Fix them at a height every child can see and reach from a chair, away from doors and heaters.
- Small place cards: one set of nine per pair.
- Tick and cross cards (one of each per child).
- Paper and pencils for children who want to draw or write.
- A lap tray for a child in a wheelchair, if needed.
- Ear defenders and a quiet spot.
- Optional, for blind or low-vision children: tactile place cards (see the unit Materials); large-print small place cards.
- Keep the large Little Hill map hidden; it is used from lesson 3.

Steps

✎ Opening (3 min)

Greeting chant. Hold up the large arrow cards in a mixed order; children do the gesture for **[left]**, **[right]**, **[straight on]** and **[stop]**. Turn round to show left and right, as in lesson 1.

Warm-up: nine places (7 min)

1. In the school language: "Little Hill is a made-up town. Today we meet its places. Every place has a name and a sign, so you can find it even if you cannot read the word."
2. **Three at a time (5 min).** Hold up a large place card, say its name and point to its sign; children point to the sign too, and may say the name. Fix the card to the wall. Do three places, then say those three names in a mixed order while children point to the cards on the wall. Then the next three, then the last three:
    - bakery (loaf), post office (envelope), library (open book);
    - market (basket of apples), café (cup), toy shop (ball);
    - park (tree), pond (duck), bridge (arch).
3. **Signs only (2 min).** Point to a card on the wall and cover its name with your hand. Children say or show which place it is (for example, by pointing to the same small card later, or by saying the name). Do four or five cards.

✎ Main activity: Where is the ___? (12 min)

1. **Model it (2 min).** Review the grade 2 question: say **[Where is the bakery?]** with open hands and a questioning face, then point to the bakery card on the wall. Ask two more; children point from their seats.
2. **Point and find (4 min).** Ask **[Where is the ___?]** for each of the nine places in a mixed order. Children point from their seats. After each one, invite a volunteer to walk (not run) to the card and touch it, or to point to it from their seat. Volunteers only; nobody has to go.
3. **Pairs (6 min).** Each pair spreads its nine small place cards face up between them. Child A asks **[Where is the ___?]** for any place; child B points to that small card (or picks it up and shows it). After four questions they swap. A child who does not want to speak can ask by pointing to a card on the wall with the questioning face; the partner then finds the small card that matches. Walk round and listen.

✓ Discussion questions (with answers) (3 min)

In the school language:

- "How can you find the bakery if you cannot read the word yet?" (By its sign, the loaf of bread.)
- "In which Little Hill places can you buy something?" (The bakery, the market, the café, the toy shop, and stamps at the post office. In the library you borrow books. The park, the pond and the bridge are not shops.)
- "Is Little Hill a real town?" (No, it is made up. That is why we can all find our way in it.)

✓ Closing check (with answers) (5 min)

Children point to a card on the wall, hold up a small place card, or hold up a tick or cross card:

1. **[Where is the library?]**
2. **[Where is the pond?]**
3. Hold up the large café card: **[Is this the toy shop?]**
4. Point to the bridge card and cover its name: "Which place is this?"

Answers: the library card (open book); the pond card (duck); no (cross), it is the café; the bridge.

Vocabulary

New: **[bakery]**, **[post office]**, **[library]**, **[market]**, **[café]**, **[toy shop]**, **[park]**, **[pond]**, **[bridge]**. Review: **[Where is the ___?]**, **[left]**, **[right]**, **[straight on]**, **[stop]**, **[yes]**, **[no]**.

Differentiation

- **Support:** in the pair game, the child uses only the first three or six places; the partner may point to the wall card first.

- **Stretch:** the child asks and answers in full, adding **[Excuse me]** before the question and **[Thank you]** after it. Or the child copies two or three place names from the small cards onto paper, next to a drawing of the sign.
- **Blind or low-vision children:** instead of the wall cards, the child has the nine tactile place cards in a row on the desk (or lap tray), always in the same order; say where each one is the first time. In the games, the child touches the tactile card when the place is named. Low-vision children use large-print small place cards and sit near the wall cards.

⚠ Safety

- The wall cards are at a height every child can reach from a chair, away from doors and heaters. Children walk, not run, to a card; volunteers only.
- Tactile place cards with pasta or beans are used only after checking for allergies, and only where no child is likely to eat them. Cards and tactile items are not put in mouths.
- Pencils are used at desks and collected at the end.

Teacher notes and misconceptions

- **Do not ask** which shops the children's families use, or where their own bakery or library is. Keep every place in Little Hill. If a child tells you about a real shop, thank them and move back to Little Hill.
- The signs are the author's choice and stand for the place, not for something you can buy there: the apple basket means "market", not "apples". If a child says **[apple]** for the market card, accept it as a good try and say **[market]**.
- Some languages use a borrowed word for some places (for example a word close to "café" or "park"). That is fine; teach the word a fluent speaker would use.
- Leave the large place cards on the walls if you can; they help in lessons 3 and 4.

Lesson 3: Next to and opposite

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 2: Places and signs - Next: Lesson 4: Excuse me, where is the café? (pair game)

Goal: Children show which place is **[next to]** or **[opposite]** another, build the Little Hill map from spoken clues, and answer **[Where is the ___?]** with **[It is next to / opposite ___]** or by pointing.

Length: about 30 minutes.

Materials

- The word card.
- The nine large place cards, still on the walls from lesson 2 (if you took them down, any place to show them will do).
- The large Little Hill map, kept face down or covered until the end of the main activity.
- Blank pair maps: one per pair, plus one for the teacher to hold up (roads, START star, river and the nine empty boxes).
- Small place cards: one set of nine per pair.
- Tokens: one per pair.
- Tick and cross cards (one of each per child).
- Paper and pencils (pencils are also the "road" in the warm-up; paper for the writing stretch).
- A lap tray for a child in a wheelchair, if needed.
- Ear defenders and a quiet spot.
- Optional, for blind or low-vision children: the tactile Little Hill map, tactile place cards and a tactile token (see the unit Materials); large-print blank maps.

Steps

✎ Opening (3 min)

Greeting chant. Each pair puts its token on the START star of its blank pair map, pointing up. Say **[Go straight on]** (to the crossroads), **[Turn right]**, **[Go straight on]**, **[Stop]**. Then back to START for **[Go straight on. Go straight on. Stop.]** (up to the river). Children keep the token beside the map afterwards.

Warm-up: next to and opposite (7 min)

1. **Gestures (2 min).** Show **[next to]** (two fists side by side, touching) and **[opposite]** (two flat hands facing each other with a gap). Children copy. Say each word a few times in a mixed order; children show the gesture.
2. **Cards on the desk (5 min).** Each pair takes out the bakery and post office cards. Lay a pencil on the desk: "This is a road." Put the two cards side by side on the same side of the pencil, touching: **[The bakery is next to the post office]**. Then put them on opposite sides of the pencil, facing each other: **[The bakery is opposite the post office]**. Pairs copy each arrangement. Then say **[next to]** or **[opposite]**, and pairs arrange their two

cards; repeat with other pairs of cards (for example the café and the park). Remind them: "Opposite means across the road. Next to means side by side, with nothing between."

✎ Main activity: build the map (12 min)

1. **Model it (3 min).** Hold up your blank pair map and point to START, Bridge Road, Main Street, the crossroads and the river. Say: "Every box is a place. I will tell you where the places are. You put the small card in its box." Point to the box on the left of lower Bridge Road: "The bakery is here." Pairs put the bakery card there. Then say **[The post office is opposite the bakery]**, with the opposite gesture. Wait; pairs find the box across the road and put the post office card in it. Hold up your map to show it.

2. **Clues (7 min).** Give the clues one at a time, with the gesture each time, and wait for every pair before going on. Some places you point to on your map; the others come from the clue:

    - Point: "The library is here" (Main Street, left of the crossroads, top side). Then **[The market is next to the library]**.
    - Point: "The café is here" (Main Street, right of the crossroads, top side). Then **[The toy shop is opposite the café]** and **[The park is next to the café]**.
    - Point to the box on the river: "The bridge is here." Then **[The pond is next to the bridge]**.

    Each clue has only one possible box, because everything else is grass. If a pair is stuck, ask **[Where is the café?]** and let them find their café card first.

3. **Check (2 min).** Uncover the large Little Hill map. Pairs compare their map with it and move any card that is in the wrong box.

✓ Discussion questions (with answers) (3 min)

In the school language:

- "Is the library next to the café?" (No. The crossroads and the grass are between them.)
- "Why is the library not next to the crossroads?" (There is grass between them. Next to means nothing in between.)
- "What is opposite the toy shop?" (The café. They face each other across Main Street.)

✓ Closing check (with answers) (5 min)

Use the large Little Hill map. Children point to their own pair map, use the gestures, hold up a tick or cross card, or say the answer:

1. **[Where is the market?]**
2. **[Where is the toy shop?]**
3. Point to the pond: **[Is the pond next to the bridge?]**
4. **[Is the park opposite the café?]**

Answers: next to the library; opposite the café; yes (tick); no (cross), it is next to the café.

Vocabulary

New: **[next to]**, **[opposite]**, **[It is next to ___]**, **[It is opposite ___]**. Review: the nine place names, **[Where is the ___?]**, **[left]**, **[right]**, **[straight on]**, **[stop]**, **[yes]**, **[no]**.

Differentiation

- **Support:** the child works with a partner who places the card first; the child then shows the gesture for **[next to]** or **[opposite]**. Or give the clue and then point to the right box for that pair.
- **Stretch:** after the check, the child writes the names of three or more places on paper beside a small drawing of the map, copying from the small cards, or says each clue back in full (**[The market is next to the library]**).
- **Blind or low-vision children:** before the clues, guide the child's hand along the string roads of the tactile map, from the raised star to the crossroads, along Main Street both ways, and up to the river line, and let them feel the empty box outlines. A partner or adult says each clue, and the child puts the tactile place card in the box. For the check, an adult says which places are in which boxes, and the child checks by touch. Low-vision children use a large-print blank map.

⚠ Safety

- Tokens, small cards and tactile items are not put in mouths. Tactile items with pasta or beans are used only after checking for allergies.
- Pencils are used at desks and collected at the end.

Teacher notes and misconceptions

- **Opposite** means across the road, facing; **next to** means on the same side, side by side, with nothing between. Some children say "next to" for anything nearby. Point to the grass gaps on the large map and ask: "Is anything between them?"
- In some languages **[next to]** or **[opposite]** changes the place word after it. Say the clue the way a fluent speaker would; children only need to understand it and place the card.
- Keep the large map covered until step 3, so the clues are a real challenge. From now on it can stay up, except in lesson 4, when it is hidden again.
- Writing the names is a stretch. Placing the small cards is the language task.

Lesson 4: Excuse me, where is the café? (pair game)

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 3: Next to and opposite - Next: Lesson 5: Follow my directions

Goal: Children ask **[Excuse me, where is the ___?]** and answer **[It is next to / opposite ___]** in an information-gap pair game, each partner holding a map with only some of the places labelled.

Length: about 30 minutes.

Materials

- The word card.
- **Pair-game sheets per pair.** Both sheets show the Little Hill map: roads, the START star, the river and all nine boxes.
  - **Sheet A:** five boxes labelled with name and sign: bakery, library, toy shop, park, bridge. The post office, market, café and pond boxes are empty.
  - **Sheet B:** four boxes labelled: post office, market, café, pond. The bakery, library, toy shop, park and bridge boxes are empty.
- **Answer strips per pair.** Each line shows the sign of a place, a small drawing of the next to or opposite gesture, and the sign of the other place, with the words written under them.
  - **Strip B** (used by child B when answering): post office, opposite the bakery; market, next to the library; café, opposite the toy shop (or next to the park); pond, next to the bridge.
  - **Strip A** (used by child A when answering): bakery, opposite the post office; library, next to the market; toy shop, opposite the café; park, next to the café; bridge, next to the pond.
  - The teacher keeps the strips and hands each one out only for the round in which that child answers (see the teacher notes).
- A folder or book per pair to stand up as a screen.
- A pencil per child.
- Small place cards: one set of nine per pair, to put in the empty boxes instead of drawing.
- The large Little Hill map, kept hidden until the closing check.
- Tick and cross cards (one of each per child).
- Paper for children who want to draw.
- A lap tray for a child in a wheelchair, if needed.
- Ear defenders and a quiet spot.
- Optional, for blind or low-vision children: the tactile Little Hill map and tactile place cards (see Differentiation); large-print sheets and strips.

Steps

✎ Opening (3 min)

Greeting chant. Teach **[Excuse me]** (a small raised hand) and review **[Thank you]** from The Market (a nod and a smile). Say **[Excuse me, where is the bridge?]** with the gestures;

children copy the gestures and may say it with you. Then show **[next to]** and **[opposite]** once more; children do the gestures.

Warm-up: half a map each (7 min)

1. In the school language: "Today each of you has half of the Little Hill map. Some boxes have a name, and some are empty. To fill the empty boxes, you ask your partner."
2. Show a sheet A: point to the labelled boxes and the empty ones. "When you know where a place is, put its small card in the box, or write or draw it." Show a strip: "When it is your turn to answer, you get a strip. It tells you the answers."
3. **Model it (4 min).** Give a volunteer sheet B and strip B, behind a screen. The teacher (with sheet A) asks **[Excuse me, where is the post office?]** The volunteer finds the post office line on the strip and answers **[It is opposite the bakery]**, or just **[opposite the bakery]**, or shows the opposite gesture and points to the bakery sign on the strip. The teacher finds the bakery on sheet A, puts the post office card in the box across the road, and says **[Thank you]**. Say: "Everyone will still ask about the post office in the game."

✎ Main activity: the pair game (12 min)

1. **Round 1 (5 min).** Partners sit with a screen between them. Give out strip B only. Child A asks about each empty box on sheet A: the post office, the market, the café and the pond. Child B answers from strip B, and A puts the small card in the box (or writes or draws). Collect strip B.
2. **Round 2 (5 min).** Give out strip A. Child B asks about the bakery, the library, the toy shop, the park and the bridge. Child A answers from strip A, and B fills the boxes. Collect strip A. Asking can be the whole question, just **[Where is the ___?]**, or holding up the small place card with the questioning face. Answers can be words, the gesture with a point to the sign on the strip, or both.
3. **Compare (2 min).** Partners take the screen away and put their sheets side by side. Every box should now have the same place on both sheets. Fix any that differ by asking again.

✓ Discussion questions (with answers) (3 min)

In the school language:

- "Why did you need to ask your partner?" (Because only your partner's strip had those answers.)
- "Child B, how did you know which box was the park and which was the toy shop?" (The park is **next to** the café, on the same side. The toy shop is **opposite** the café, across the road.)
- "Is anyone really lost in Little Hill?" (No. It is a made-up town. In real life, if you are lost, you ask a grown-up you trust, like a teacher or a police officer.)

✓ Closing check (with answers) (5 min)

Show the large Little Hill map. Children answer by pointing to their sheet, with the gestures, a tick or cross card, or words:

1. **[Excuse me, where is the café?]**
2. **[Where is the pond?]**
3. Point to the bakery: **[Is the bakery next to the post office?]**
4. **[Where is the market?]**

Answers: opposite the toy shop, or next to the park (both are right); next to the bridge; no (cross), it is opposite; next to the library.

Vocabulary

New: **[Excuse me]**, **[Excuse me, where is the ___?]**. Review: **[Thank you]** (from The Market), **[next to]**, **[opposite]**, **[It is next to / opposite ___]**, the nine place names, **[Where is the ___?]**, **[yes]**, **[no]**.

Differentiation

- **Support:** the child asks about only two places in their round; the partner may show the strip line after answering.
- **Stretch:** the child asks every question with **[Excuse me]** and says **[Thank you]** after each answer, and answers in full sentences. Or, in round 2, child A answers from the finished sheet A instead of strip A.
- **Blind or low-vision children:** the child uses the tactile Little Hill map, with the tactile place cards for their own sheet's labelled places already in their boxes, and the other tactile place cards in a row on the desk. Guide the child's hand along the roads once before the game. When answering, an adult reads the strip line quietly to the child. When asking, the child puts the tactile place card in the box their partner describes. Low-vision children use large-print sheets and strips.

⚠ Safety

- Pencils are used at desks and collected at the end.
- Tactile items with pasta or beans are used only after checking for allergies; cards and tactile items are not put in mouths.

Teacher notes and misconceptions

- **Why the strips are handed out one at a time:** next to and opposite work both ways, so each strip also tells its holder where their own missing places are (strip A says the library is next to the market). Give out strip B only for round 1, and collect it before round 2; give out strip A only for round 2. That keeps the gap real.
- Do not let children look over the screen, and keep the large map hidden until the closing check. The large place cards on the walls do not show positions and can stay up.

- Each answer names a place the asker already has on their sheet, so every empty box can be found from one answer.
- For the café, both **[opposite the toy shop]** and **[next to the park]** are right. Child A has both the toy shop and the park on sheet A, so either answer would work; strip B gives "opposite the toy shop" to keep it simple, and in the closing check either answer counts.
- If a child says **[It is near the ___]** or points vaguely, ask: **[Next to? Opposite?]** with both gestures.

Lesson 5: Follow my directions

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 4: Excuse me, where is the café? (pair game)

Goal: Children move the token along a two- or three-step route on the Little Hill map when they hear it, say what is **[on the left]** or **[on the right]**, and, as a stretch, give a route to a partner. The one-to-one check starts this week.

Length: about 30 minutes (the one-to-one check is spread over the week).

Materials

- The word card.
- The large Little Hill map, on show.
- Pair maps with all nine places labelled: one per pair.
- Tokens: one per pair, plus the check token for the teacher to show on the large map.
- Small arrow cards: one set of four per child.
- Wristband stickers or loose paper wristbands (latex-free), for children who want one again.
- **Route strips:** one set of seven per pair, each a strip of card with picture steps (an up arrow means **[Go straight on]**, a left or right arrow means **[Turn left]** or **[Turn right]**, a hand and a place sign mean **[Stop at the ___]**):
    1. up arrow; hand and loaf (bakery)
    2. up arrow; left arrow; hand and open book (library)
    3. up arrow; left arrow; hand and apple basket (market)
    4. up arrow; right arrow; hand and cup (café)
    5. up arrow; right arrow; hand and tree (park)
    6. up arrow; up arrow; hand and duck (pond)
    7. up arrow; up arrow; hand and arch (bridge)
- Check things (for the one-to-one check): one token, one crossroads card, six small place cards (bakery, post office, library, café, park, bridge), a pair map with all nine places labelled, and the record sheet.
- Tick and cross cards (one of each per child).
- Paper and pencils for children who want to draw or write.
- A lap tray for a child in a wheelchair, if needed.
- Ear defenders and a quiet spot.
- Optional, for blind or low-vision children: the tactile Little Hill map, tactile token, tactile arrow cards, tactile place cards, tactile route strips and, for the one-to-one check, the tactile crossroads card (the same steps as raised arrows and a raised hand, with the tactile sign glued at the end); large-print pair maps and route strips.

Steps

✎ Opening (3 min)

Greeting chant. Say **[left]**, **[right]**, **[straight on]** and **[stop]** in a mixed order; children hold up the small arrow card. Then say **[Turn left]** and **[Turn right]**; children do the arm sweep.

Warm-up: on the left, on the right (7 min)

1. **Model it (3 min).** Put the check token on the START star of the large map, pointing up. Say **[Go straight on. Stop at the bakery.]** and move it. Pat the left side of a desk: **[The bakery is on the left.]** Pat the right side: **[The post office is on the right.]** Children copy the pats.
2. **Pairs (4 min).** Each pair puts its token on START on its pair map, pointing up. Say **[Go straight on. Stop at the bakery.]** Ask **[What is on the right?]**; children pat the side and point (the post office). Back to START. Say **[Go straight on. Go straight on. Stop at the pond.]** Ask **[Is the pond on the left?]** (yes: children hold up the tick card).

✎ Main activity: follow my directions (12 min)

1. **Follow the route (5 min).** Say each route slowly, twice. Pairs take turns moving the token from START; the partner checks. After each one, show it on the large map with the check token.
    - **[Go straight on. Turn right. Stop at the café.]**
    - **[Go straight on. Turn left. Stop at the library.]**
    - **[Go straight on. Turn right. Stop at the park.]**
    - **[Go straight on. Go straight on. Stop at the bridge.]**
    - **[Go straight on. Turn left. Stop at the market.]**
2. **Mystery places (2 min).** Say a route, then a question instead of a place name. Children move the token, then point to the answer:
    - **[Go straight on. Go straight on. Stop at the bridge. What is on the left?]** (the pond)
    - **[Go straight on. Turn right. Stop at the café. What is opposite?]** (the toy shop)
3. **Your turn to lead (5 min).** Each pair puts its route strips face down. One child picks a strip and gives the route: by saying it, by showing the picture steps one at a time with the gestures, or both. The partner moves the token, then turns the strip over to check the place sign. Swap after each strip. Giving a route in words is a stretch; showing the strip counts.

✓ Discussion questions (with answers) (3 min)

In the school language:

- "Which routes have no turn?" (To the bakery, the pond and the bridge: only **[Go straight on]**.)
- "After **[Turn right]**, is the café on the left or the right?" (On the left. The toy shop is on the right.)
- "Did anyone's token turn the wrong way? What helped?" (The wristband sticker, the token's point, or turning the map. Everyone makes wrong turns sometimes.)

✓ Closing check (with answers) (5 min)

Children move the token on their pair map and point to where it stops, or pat the side of the desk:

1. **[Go straight on. Turn left. Stop at the market.]**
2. **[Go straight on. Stop at the bakery. What is on the right?]**
3. **[Go straight on. Turn right. Stop at the park.]**

Answers: the token is at the market, at the left end of Main Street; the post office (on the right); the token is at the park, at the right end of Main Street.

Tell the children: "This week I will play a short game with each of you, one at a time." Over the week, do the five-part check from the unit overview (about 3 minutes per child) while the others play the pair game from lesson 4 or the route strips again.

Vocabulary

New: **[on the left]**, **[on the right]**, **[Stop at the ___]**, **[What is on the left / right?]**. Review: **[Go straight on]**, **[Turn left]**, **[Turn right]**, **[stop]**, **[next to]**, **[opposite]**, the nine place names, **[yes]**, **[no]**.

Differentiation

- **Support:** use only the routes with no turn first (bakery, pond, bridge), then add one turn. The partner may move the token first while the child watches, then the child does the same.
- **Stretch:** the child gives routes from the strips in full sentences, or makes up a route to a place and says it for the partner without a strip. Or, after the token stops, the child says what is **[on the left]** and **[on the right]**.
- **Blind or low-vision children:** before the routes, guide the child's hand along the string roads of the tactile map from the raised star. The child moves the tactile token (feeling its ridge to know which way it points) and uses tactile route strips. In the mystery places, the child touches the tactile place card. Low-vision children use large-print pair maps and route strips.

⚠ Safety

- Tokens, strips and tactile items are not put in mouths; tactile items with pasta or beans are used only after checking for allergies.
- Pencils are used at desks and collected at the end.

Teacher notes and misconceptions

- After **[Turn left]**, the token points left (west), so the top side of Main Street (the library and the market) is on **its right**. After **[Turn right]**, the top side (the café and the park) is on its left. Children do not need to explain this; let them turn the map if it helps.
- Small slips in how far the token moves do not matter. The turns and the place where it stops do.

- Routes are only on the Little Hill map. **Never ask** children to give or draw the way to their home, to school or to any real place. If a child volunteers one, thank them and move back to Little Hill.
- In the check, mixing up left and right is recorded as it happened; if the child fixes it using the wristband sticker, that is **with help**.