

Unit 7 Left or right?

★Activities to learn how to talk about the directions (forward, back, right, left).

Unit Aims

Words that express directions, such as forward, back, right, left, are frequently used in daily life to give directions or to explain where things are. Activities with similar topics—having children move around or talk about where things are—can be done in English. It would be a good idea to play games such as giving directions using the words forward, back, right, left aiming for children to unconsciously react to those directions. This unit has been designed so that children can learn names of places and buildings they see in their daily lives while working with directions.

Vocabulary

forward back right left
station supermarket school bus stop house hamburger shop
ice cream shop convenience store fire station bookstore

Classroom English

Which way is this?
Where is the school?
Go forward. Turn left.
How do you go there?

Step of Activities

- (1) Learning how to say forward, back, right, left using the picture on the page. P.31
- (2) Giving directions and following directions in the map on the pages.

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- (3) Giving directions to places in the community using maps such as the school zone map. P.33
- (4) Playing an “It” (chasing game) using the game board on the page and the roulette on the worksheet. P.34+Worksheet ①

Reference

When playing the game with the game board on p.34 and the worksheet, if the two children sit next to each other, the directions right and left are the same for the two children. However, if they sit facing each other, the directions become opposite. If you set a rule that children must say left and right in the way they see it, the game will become a little more challenging for the children.

Other Possible Activities

Do a physical-exercise-type activity like aerobics, combining words for body movements and directions. If you add a music or rhythm to this activity, it will make it even more fun. This can be done in the class time for P.E.

Look right. Look left. Look up. Look down.

Raise your right hand. Raise your left hand.

Put your right hand down. Put your left hand down.

Step forward. Step back.

Jump forward. Jump back.