

1. 阅读理解

Traveling without a map in different countries, I find out about different “styles” of directions every time I ask “How can I get to the post office?”

Foreign tourists are often confused in Japan because most streets there don't have name signs; in Japan, people use landmarks in their directions instead of street names. For example, the Japanese will say to travelers, “Go straight down to the corner. Turn left at the big hotel and go past a fruit market. The post office is across from the bus stop.”

People in Los Angeles, the US, have no idea of distance on the map: they measure distance by time, not miles. “How far away is the post office?” you ask. “Oh,” they answer, “it's about five minutes from here.” You don't understand completely, “Yes, but how many miles away is it, please?” To this question you won't get an answer, because most probably they don't know it themselves.

People in Greece sometimes do not even try to give directions because tourists seldom understand the Greek language. Instead, a Greek will often say, “Follow me.” Then he'll lead you through the streets of the city to the post office.

Sometimes a person doesn't know the answer to your question. What happens in the situation? A New Yorker might say, “Sorry, I have no idea.” But in Yucatan, Mexico, no one answers “I don't know.” People there believe that “I don't” is impolite. They usually give an answer, but often a wrong one. So a tourist can get lost very easily in Yucatan!

However, one thing will help you everywhere in the world. It's body language.

【1】 Which one of the following is probably an example of Japanese directions?

- A. “Go south two miles. Turn west and then go another mile.”
- B. “Turn right at the hospital and go past a school. The library is right in front of you.”
- C. “The post office is about five minutes from here.”
- D. “The post office is at Street Kamira.”

【2】 People in Los Angeles don't give directions in miles because _____.

- A. they use landmarks in their directions instead of distance
- B. they prefer to lead you the way
- C. they often have no idea of distance measured by miles
- D. they prefer to use body language

【3】 Greeks give directions by _____.

- A. using street names B. using landmarks
- C. leading people the way D. giving people a wrong direction

【4】 Which of the following is NOT true?

- A. People in Yucatan always give right directions.
- B. There are different ways to give directions in different parts of the world.
- C. People in some places give directions in miles, but people in other places give directions in time.
- D. A person's body language can help you understand directions.

2. 书面表达

假设你是新华中学学生会主席李华。你校将举办一次英语演讲比赛(English speech contest)，希望家住你校附近的外籍教师Lucy女士来当评委。请参照以下比赛通知给她写一封电子邮件。

- 1. 主题：爱在疫情中
- 2. 时间和地点
- 3. 参赛选手：10名学生
- 4. 联系人：李华（电话 88776655）

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Dear Lucy,

I'm Li Hua, chairman of the Student Union of Xinhua Middle School, which is close to your house

Best wishes!

Yours,

Li Hua