

Lesson 6 Places in town, giving directions



Listen to the words and expressions. Repeat the Polish words after the speaker.

Places in town:

avenue – **aleja**

street – **ulica**

crossroads – **skrzyżowanie**

square – **plac**

centre – **centrum**

bus – **autobus**

bus stop – **przystanek autobusowy**

tram stop – **przystanek tramwajowy**

underground station – **stacja metra**

train station – **dworzec kolejowy**

taxi rank – **postój taksówek**

airport – **lotnisko**

bar – **bar**

café – **kawiarnia**

pub – **pub**

restaurant – **restauracja**

office – **urząd**

post office – **poczta**

gallery – **galeria**

library – **biblioteka**

school – **szkoła**

university – **uniwersytet**

park – **park**

petrol station – **stacja benzynowa**

car park – **parking**

cinema – **kino**

theatre – **teatr**

museum – **muzeum**

church – **kościół**

cemetery – **cmentarz**

health centre – **przychodnia**

hospital – **szpital**

hotel – **hotel**

bank – **bank**

bureau de change – **kantor**

shop – **sklep**

supermarket – **supermarket**

shopping centre – **centrum**

handlowe

market – **bazar**

chemist's – **apteka**

confectionery – **cukiernia**

newsagent's – **kiosk**

Read the Polish words and expressions.

Giving directions:

in front of – **przed**
 behind – **za**
 next to – **obok**
 opposite – **naprzeciwko**
 between – **między**
 in – **w**
 on – **na**
 under – **pod**
 above – **nad**
 at the corner – **na rogu**
 near – **blisko**

far – **daleko**
 on the right – **po prawej**
 on the left – **po lewej**
 upstairs – **na górze**
 downstairs – **na dole**
 on the opposite side of the street
 – **po drugiej stronie ulicy**
 go straight ahead – **iść prosto**
 turn right – **skręcić w prawo**
 turn left – **skręcić w lewo**



Grammar

Different prepositions require different case endings of the noun.
 Here there are some rules:

Preposition	Case	Example
za – behind przed – in front of między – between nad – above pod – under	instrumental	za hotelem – behind the hotel przed sklepem – in front of the shop między dworcem kolejowym a sklepem – between the train station and the shop nad bankiem – above the bank pod centrum handlowym – under the shopping centre
obok – next to naprzeciwko – opposite blisko – near	genitive	obok dworca – next to the train station naprzeciwko poczty – opposite the post office blisko urzędu – near the office
w – in na – on / at	locative	w hotelu – in a hotel na lotnisku – at the airport

**Grammar**

We use the preposition **w** (in / at) when we talk about a building or an enclosed space, e.g.

W tym hotelu jest dobra restauracja. – There is a good restaurant at this hotel.

Sklep jest w tym budynku. – The shop is in this building.

The preposition **na** (on / at) is used to talk about an open space, e.g.

Poczta jest na tej ulicy. – The post office is in this street.

Na placu Kopernika jest apteka. – There is a chemist's at Kopernik Square.

Na is also used when we talk about Polish regions or districts in the cities, e.g.

Kościół jest na Starym Mieście. – The church is in the Old Town.

Mieszkam na Mazowszu. – I live in Masovia.

It is a general rule, but there are some important exceptions:

na uniwersytecie – at the university

na dworcu – at the train station

na lotnisku – at the airport

na poczcie – at the post office

na basenie – at the swimming pool

w centrum – in the centre



Listen to the sentences in Polish with the English translation and repeat the Polish sentences after the speaker.

Excuse me, where is the train station? – **Przepraszam, gdzie jest dworzec?**

Is there a hospital near here? – **Gdzie tu blisko jest szpital?**

Where is the nearest post office? – **Gdzie jest najbliższa poczta?**

How do I get to the centre? – **Jak dojść do centrum?**