Giving Directions (situations) for Básico Students (Elementary & Pre-intermediate)

Looking for the beach

Tourist: Excuse me, what way is the beach? (en qué dirección voy para llegar a la playa)

Resident: That way.
Tourist: Thank you.
Resident: Enjoy!

Somewhere in Fuengirola! I need cash!

Tourist: Excuse me, I'm looking for an ATM (Automatic Teller Machine). Resident: Oh... Mmm... Let's see... I think there is one over there (point).

Go straight on & turn right. I think you'll find one there.

Tourist: Thank you very much! Can you repeat, please? (Say that again, please!)

Taking a Train

English-speaking Tourist: Excuse me, do you speak English?

Fuengirola Resident: Yes, I do. Just a bit. I'm an Elementary student!

Tourist: **Where is** the station?

Resident: The train station or the bus station?

Tourist: The train station, please.

Resident: OK. Can you show me your map? Look. We're here. (Plaza Picasso)

Tourist: I see...

Resident: (Can you) see that street? It's Paseo Marítimo, the seaside boulevard.

Tourist: Oh, yes. I know.

Resident: Well, go straight on (for two blocks) & take the 2nd (street) on your right. It's "calle

España". Go past the post office. It's the central post office, you know. It's on the left. Go past Plaza Constitución, that's Constitution Square. It's on the right. When you get to the main street, the two-way road, cross that and keep straight. Take the second on your right. That's another main Street, Avenida Juan Gómez "Juanito". Go straight on for

about three blocks. It's on your left. You can't, miss it.

Tourist: OK. Let me go through that. Let's see. Go to Paseo Marítimo, over there...

Resident: Yes.

Tourist: Take the second on the left. Go past the post office & Constitution Square,

cross the big road, keep straight on and turn right at the next big road.

Resident: Very good. You got it!

Tourist: Go straight on and it's on the left. Easy to see!

Resident: Yes. Well done.

Tourist: Thank you very much! Just one more question. How often do trains run to Málaga?

Resident: I'm not sure, but I think it's every 20 minutes or so.

Tourist: And how long is the journey? Resident: That's about half an hour.

Tourist: Oh... sorry! How much is the ticket?

Resident: That's about 2 euros. Return is ... euros.

Tourist: Thanks so much! Sorry for the hassle!

Resident: Don't worry. Enjoy your time here.

The train journey is nice, and Málaga is a very interesting city. Lots to do!

Tourist: Thanks again. Have a nice day!

Resident: Bye.

At the Language School in Fuengirola (EOI, in Spanish)

Foreigner: Excuse, can you tell me the way to the zoo? (me puede decir cómo ir a)

Student: Sure. Come this way. See that street? It's "Camino Condesa". Well, take that street,

walk on the left-hand side, and go straight on until you see a roundabout with an olive tree in the middle. Cross the first street, and then turn left at the next street. Go straight on. In the next roundabout there is a bullright, la *Plaza de Toros*, go past the bullring, keep straight on. The zoo is on the left. You can't miss it. It's called Bioparc.

Foreigner: OK, thanks. Let me check I got it!

Student: OK!

Foreigner: Go to the roundabout, take the second exit on the left, go straight on,

go past the *plaza de toros*, and it's on the same side of the Street.

Student: Well done!

Foreigner: One more question, sorry. How much is the ticket? Is it very expensive?

Student: The ticket is 15€ I think. You can see a lot of animals. Foreigner: And when is it open? Do you know the opening hours?

Student: I'm not sure. But you've got the phone number in the Fuengirola map,

look, here. Anyway, places usually open in the afternoon till eight or nine.

Foreigner: Thank you so much.

Student: Not at all. Enjoy your stay in Fuengirola!

Outside the Fuengirola train station

Tourist: Excuse me, where can I find the Tourist Information Office?

Resident: Let's see... There is one near here. Cross the road here. Go past the square,

It's on the right.

Tourist: Very kind of you.

Somewhere in Fuengirola! Emergencies

Foreigner: Excuse me. I'm looking for a chemist's / a pharmacy / a drugstore, but they

are closed! How can I get to one?

Resident: There are "farmacias de guardia", 24-hour pharmacies, too.

The information is announced outside every closed pharmacy.

Foreigner: But I don't know the streets. Can you help me?

Resident: OK, let's see. The closest pharmacy is in ... street/area. You can't walk. You

need to get the bus. I think it's bus number ...

Foreigner: Oh, OK.

Resident: There is a bus stop over there. Go straight on for two blocks & you'll find it.

Foreigner: How often do buses run?

Resident: That's the problem. (At this time) every ... minutes. Perhaps you should

take a taxi.

Foreigner: How much can that be?

Resident: From here to this pharmacy, Farmacia ..., about ... euros.

There is a taxi rack that way. Walk for about 3 blocks & turn right. It's on the corner.

Foreigner: Thank you very much for your help.

Resident: You're welcome. Bye.