



LESSON 2.3

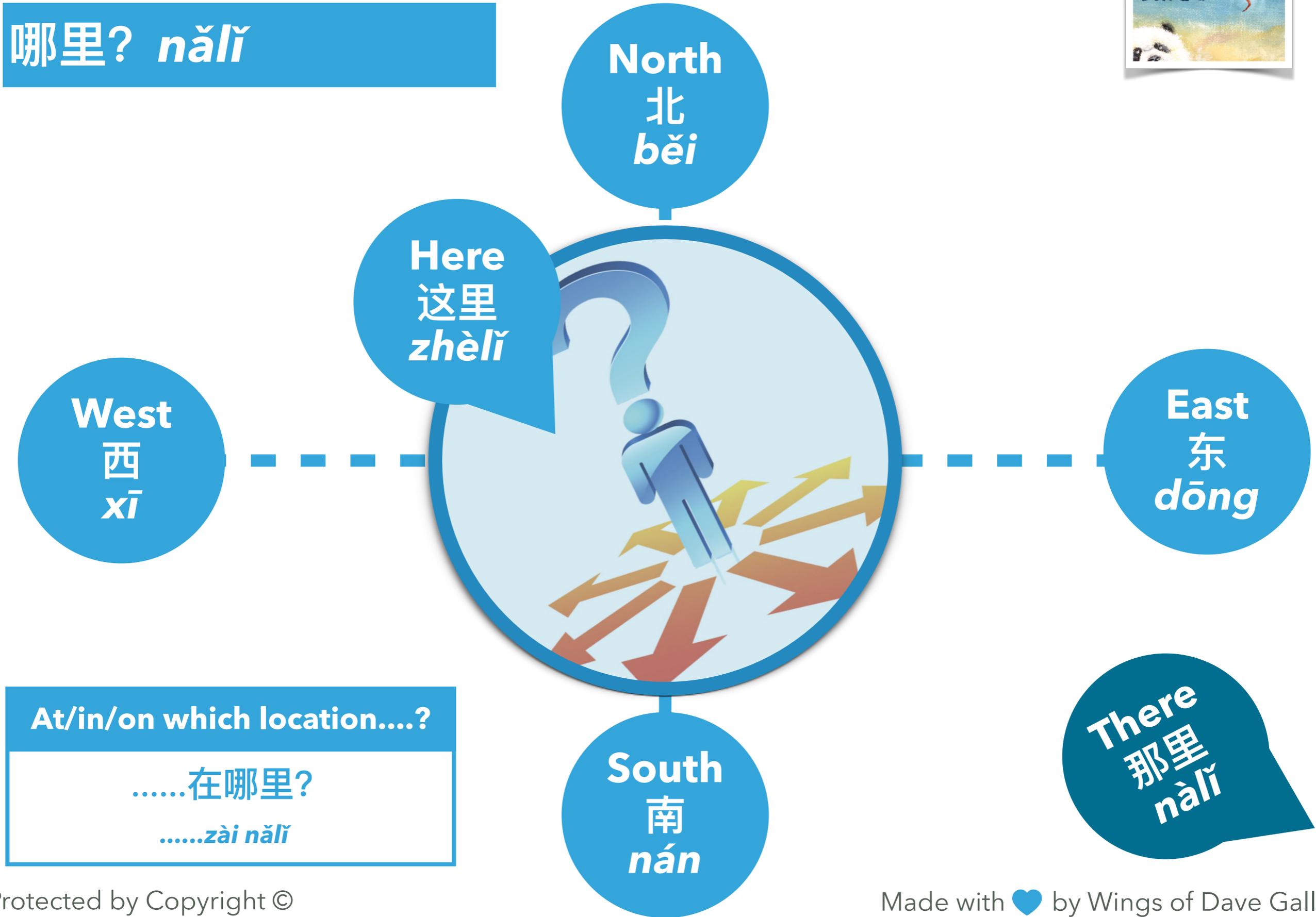
ASKING FOR DIRECTIONS

问路 WÈN LÙ

WHERE?



哪里? *nǎlǐ*



North
北
běi

Here
这里
zhèlǐ

West
西
xī

East
东
dōng

South
南
nán

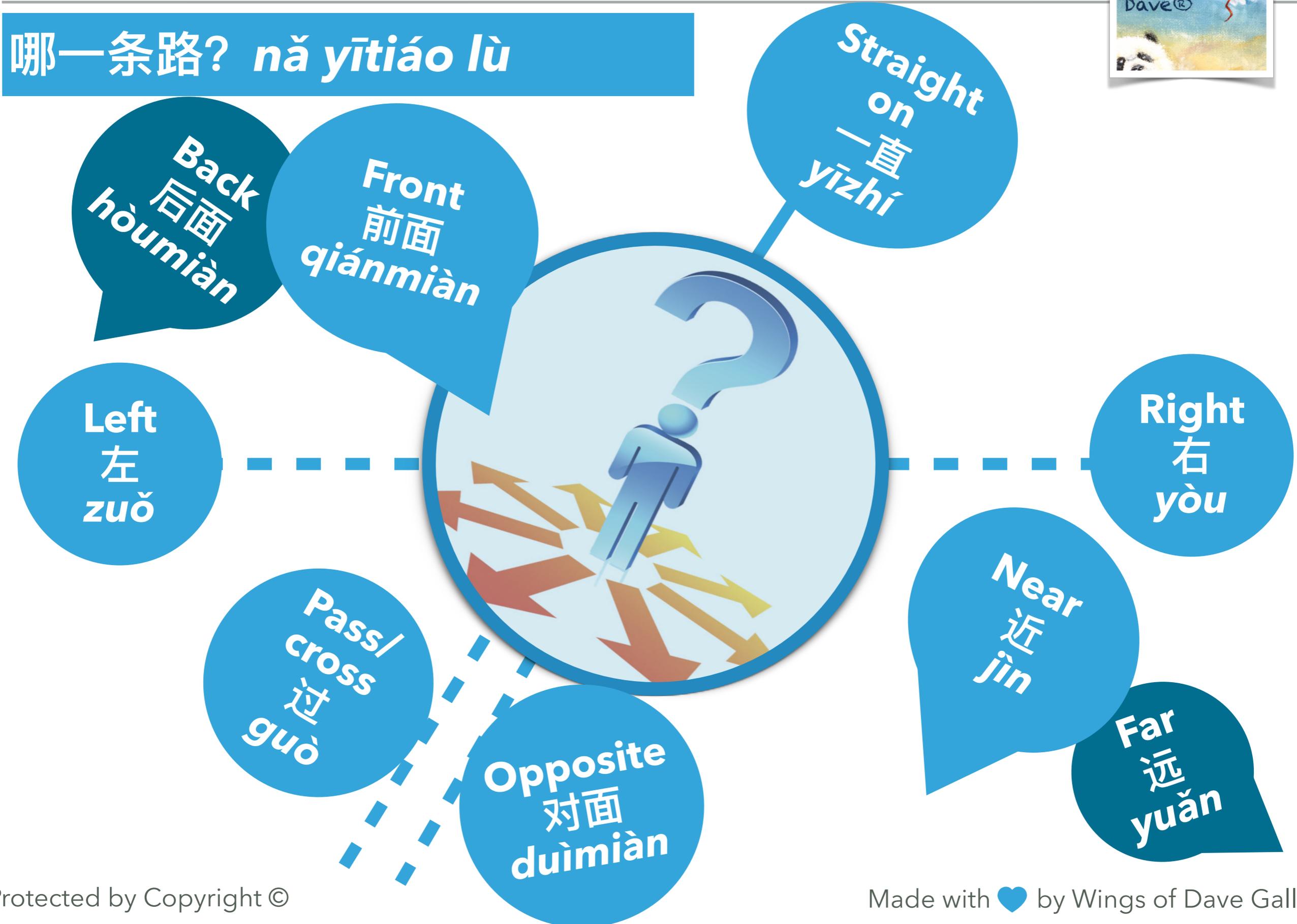
There
那里
nàlǐ

At/in/on which location....?
.....在哪里?
.....*zài nǎlǐ*

WHICH WAY?



哪一条路? nǎ yītiáo lù



WHICH DESTINATION?



哪个目的地? *nǎge mùdìdì*



LOST!



迷路 *mílù* (Lit. confused road)

请问，星巴克怎么走？

qǐngwèn, xīngbākè zěnmē zǒu

Excuse me. How do I get to Starbucks?

往前走，走到街角，左转……

wǎng qián zǒu, zǒu dào jiējiǎo, zuǒ zhuǎn

Walk straight ahead. At the street corner, turn left...
(lit. left turn)

然后，照直走。

ránhòu, zhàozhí zǒu

Then go straight on.

你会在第三条街上找到星巴克。

nǐ huì zài dì sān tiáo jiē shàng zhǎodào xīngbākè

You will find Starbucks on the third street. (Lit. you will on the 3rd street find Starbucks.)

FINDING EMBASSY



寻找大使馆 *xúnzhǎo dàshǐ guǎn*

英国大使馆在哪里?

yīngguó dàshǐ guǎn zài nǎlǐ

走到红绿灯.....

zǒu dào hónglǜdēng

然后, 右转

ránhòu, yòu zhuǎn

大使馆就在银行对面,
你需要过马路。
*dàshǐ guǎn jiù zài yínháng duìmiàn,
nǐ xūyào guò mǎlù*

Where is the British Embassy?

Go as far as the traffic lights...

Then turn right.

The Embassy is just opposite the bank. You need to cross the road.

ADVANCED - A PRACTICAL QUESTION...



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一个实际问题 *yīgè shíjì wèntí*

请问，厕所在哪里？

qǐngwèn, cèsuǒ zài nǎlǐ

厕所在火车站内，过马路然后左转。

*cèsuǒ zài huǒchē zhàn nèi.
guò mǎlù rán hòu zuǒ zhuǎn*

远吗？

yuǎn ma

不远，步行约3分钟。

bù yuǎn, bùxíng yuē sān fēnzhōng

Excuse me, where is the toilet?

Toilet is inside the train station. Cross the road and then turn left.

Is it far?

Not too far. Walk for about 3 minutes.

GRAMMAR: QUESTION/ANSWER STRUCTURE



- A frequently used pattern for asking directions is:

Excuse me (lit. May I ask)	+	target place (e.g. bus stop)	+	how do I get to...on foot?
请问		巴士站		怎么走?
<i>qǐngwèn</i>		<i>bāshì zhàn</i>		<i>zěnmē zǒu</i>

- The pattern for giving directions is:

Towards	+	direction (e.g. left)	+	verb (e.g. walk)
往		左		走
<i>wǎng</i>		<i>zuǒ</i>		<i>zǒu</i>

GRAMMAR – ALTERNATIVE STRUCTURE



- A frequently used pattern for asking for the location of a place is:

Excuse me (lit. May I ask)	+	target place (e.g. bank)	+	where is...? (lit. locate in/at where...)
请问 <i>qǐngwèn</i>		银行 <i>yínháng</i>		在哪里? <i>zài nǎlǐ</i>

- The pattern for giving directions is:

Target place (e.g. bank)	+	locate in/at	+	direction (e.g. front)
银行 <i>yínháng</i>		在 <i>zài</i>		前面 <i>qiánmiàn</i>