

**2.024**

1. Expressway. There's an expressway.
2. Bridge. There's the bridge.
3. Sidewalk. This is the sidewalk.
4. Crosswalk. There's the crosswalk.
5. Stop sign. There's the stop sign.
6. Traffic light. There's the traffic light.
7. Tunnel. There's the tunnel.
8. Taxi stand. This is the taxi stand.
9. Grocery store. There's the grocery store.
10. Gym. This is the gym.
11. Taxi. Here's a taxi.

**2.025**

1.

**Man** Where to?

**Woman** Diamond Gym on Main Street, please. It's downtown.

2.

**Man** Never heard of it. Can you direct me?

**Woman** Sure thing. Go through the tunnel, then turn left onto Wood Street.

3.

**Man** What's the fastest way to get there?

**Woman** Go along the expressway, then take West Port Bridge.

4.

**Man** Where do you want me to stop?

**Woman** Just let me off near the crosswalk, please.

5.

**Man** Do you need a receipt?

**Woman** No, thanks. And keep the change.

**2.026**

**Man** Excuse me. Do you know where I can catch a taxi?

**Woman** A taxi? Sure. Take the crosswalk to the other side of the street. The taxi stand is in front of the bookstore. There's a taxi sign on the sidewalk.

**2.027**

**Taxi driver** Hi. Where to?

**Woman** Downtown, to Atlas Gym, please. It's at seven forty-six Oak Street.

**Taxi driver** I know it. It's close to the hospital, isn't it?

**Woman** Yeah, opposite the hospital. What's the fastest way to get there?

**Taxi driver** The expressway is better. Broadway is more direct but there are too many traffic lights.

**Woman** Let's go.

### 2.028

**Man** Hi. Ciao Restaurant in Soho, please. Do you know it?

**Taxi driver** Mm. Nah, never heard of it. Can you direct me?

**Man** It's downtown. Just go north on High Street through the tunnel. Then turn right onto Forest Avenue. It's about three blocks in.

**Taxi driver** Oh, is it that place next to the old police station?

**Man** Yes, that's it.

### 2.029

**Woman** I see it, just before the stop sign. You can stop at the sidewalk.

**Taxi driver** The Seacrest Hotel. Here we are.

**Woman** Thanks.

**Taxi driver** Do you need a receipt?

**Woman** No, it's all right.

**Taxi driver** Here's your change. Do you need some help with your bag?

**Woman** No, I can get it. Thanks a lot.

### 2.030

**Man** Here it is. See the grocery store on the corner? Just let me off near the crosswalk, thanks. And can I get a receipt?

**Taxi driver** Sure thing.

**Man** Keep the change.

**Taxi driver** Thanks a lot!

### 2.031

**Taxi dispatcher** Emperor Taxis.

**Woman** Hi, I need a taxi at thirty-four forty three West Port Street. It's close to the hospital.

**Taxi dispatcher** Is there an apartment number?

**Woman** Yes, it's two-oh-seven.

**Taxi dispatcher** And where are you going?

**Woman** I need to go downtown, to the Star Center.

**Taxi dispatcher** Star Center. Right. OK, I just need your phone number. The driver will call when he gets there.

**Woman** OK. It's five-five-five ...

**2.032**

**Taxi driver** Hi. You're going to the Star Center?  
**Woman** Yes, I am. What's the fastest way to get there?  
**Taxi driver** The fastest? I guess we can take the Capital Bridge across the river.  
**Woman** Isn't that the slowest way? What about the tunnel?  
**Taxi driver** Not today. There was an accident fifteen minutes ago.

**2.033**

**Taxi driver** We're almost there. Where do you want me to stop?  
**Woman** You can stop here, just before the crosswalk.  
**Taxi driver** OK. Do you need a receipt?  
**Woman** Yes, please. Here's twenty-five dollars. Keep the change.  
**Taxi driver** Thanks.

**2.034**

**Example:** traffic light      department store

1. sidewalk
2. stop sign
3. Broadway
4. Main Street
5. taxi stand
6. expressway
7. grocery store
8. police station

**2.035**

**Priya** Hi, Danny. How was your flight?  
**Danny** Hi Priya. It was fine. Thanks for coming to meet me.  
**Priya** Your cousin told me to take good care of you. Is this your first time in Asia?  
**Danny** Yes, it is actually.  
**Priya** Are you hungry? I can take you out for some Thai food. I know a great place near your hotel.  
**Danny** That will be great. How will we get there?  
**Priya** We can take a tuk-tuk.  
**Danny** A tuk-tuk? What's a tuk-tuk?  
**Priya** On the ride from the airport did you see those things that look like a mix of a scooter and a car?  
**Danny** Yes, I did! I was going to ask you about them!  
**Priya** Those are called tuk-tuks. They are a very common form of transportation here in Thailand.

**Danny** Are they safe?

**Priya** I know they look a little dangerous, but they are actually pretty safe. They have a low top speed and the drivers are very experienced. Also, we usually only use them for short distances.

**Danny** I guess I should give it a try. You know what they say, “when in Rome ...

**Priya** ... “do as the Romans!”

**Danny** That’s right!

**Priya** But we are in Thailand, not Rome.

**Danny** It’s just an expression!

**Priya** Ha! I know! I’m just kidding.

## 2.036

### Tuk-tuk Tips

In many parts of Asia, the tuk-tuk is a popular form of transportation. A mix between a scooter and a taxi, tuk-tuks are able to zoom in and around the busy traffic often found in Asian cities. With a top speed of 50 kilometers an hour, tuk-tuks are usually used for short distances.

Tuk-tuks vary from country to country. In Cambodia and the Philippines, the tuk-tuks are generally in two parts, with a motorcycle pulling a separate cabin. This means that they can carry more passengers. In India, tuk-tuks are called “rickshaws” and are usually painted yellow and black. In Thailand, the tuk-tuks tend to have more legroom, but a lower roof.

Tuk-tuks are most popular with tourists. So if you are in a tourist area, it won’t be hard to find a tuk-tuk – a tuk tuk driver will probably find you. The drivers will often honk their horn and yell a friendly “hello” to tourists on the street. When you get in a tuk-tuk be aware that unlike a regular taxi, there is no meter. This means that you will have to bargain with the driver to decide the fare.