

Lesson 57: Asking for Directions

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1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Junko: Hello. I'm sorry to bother you but did you **by any chance** notice a group of Japanese tourists walk by?

John, the Hotdog Vendor: I did. Each one of them bought a hotdog. Then they all left together.

Junko: Oh, my. I've lost them. The tour guide said something about watching a concert in the park. Would you happen to know where it is?

John: There's a classical music concert in Central Park today.

Junko: Yes, that's the place! Can you tell me how to get there?

John: Walk straight along 66th Street until you reach 5th Avenue. There you'll find the park entrance that will lead you to Naumburg Bandshell. That's where concertos are held. You could take a cab but traffic will just hold you up.

Junko: Thank you for your help, sir. I think I'll have one of those corn dogs before I go.

John: Here (handing her a corn dog). You'll need some strength for the long walk to the park. Good luck in finding your tour group.

2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. A: My name's Andrew Takahashi. B: Your name sounds familiar. Did you **by any chance** work in Tokyo University?

2. Did you see my dog run past here **by any chance**?

3. You wouldn't, **by any chance**, have a paper clip, would you?

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3. Your Task

You are new in town. You would like to know your way around your neighborhood. You meet a friendly baker while buying bread from his shop. Ask the baker (=your tutor) where: 1- you could get your laundry done, 2 – the post office is 3 – the Asian supermarket is. Ask it in the most polite manner and don't forget to give a compliment about his shop.

4. Let's Talk

Have you ever asked for directions during a trip abroad? Tell your tutor about the experience. Would you rather get directions from a GPS/mobile app or ask directions from someone? Why?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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