Lesson 27: Showing the Way

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

Mario: Excuse me. Is this the way to the American Embassy?
Yoshi: No. You’re going the wrong way, sir. The embassy is in the opposite direction.
Mario: Is it? I’ve been walking for hours. I might have passed it.
Yoshi: You probably missed the American flag.
Mario: I should walk back that way, is that right?
Yoshi: There’s a short cut behind the park. There’s a garden path that will lead you right there. I’m also headed to the embassy. I’ll show you the way.
Mario: Are you sure it’s a shorter way?
Yoshi: Don’t worry, sir. I know this place like the back of my hand. I grew up around here.
Mario: I’m glad I asked the right person. I’m Mario, by the way.
Yoshi: The name’s Yoshi. Glad to meet you. Follow me, Mario.

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

1. A: Where are you headed to? B: I’m going to work.
2. A: Can you give me a ride to the mall?
   B: I can’t. As I said, I’m heading to work and that’s in the opposite direction.
3. I can’t wait to see where smartphone technology is headed.
   * headed (heading) to … / …に向かっている

3. Your Task
You have an American friend who is coming to visit Japan for the first time. Unfortunately, you’ve had some problems and so you can’t pick him/her up at the airport. Talk to your American friend (=your tutor) on the phone and give directions on how to get to your house.

4. Let’s Talk
Have you ever given anyone directions to any destination?
Tell your teacher all about it. Do you give directions verbally or is it better for you to make a sketch? Why?
Do you often ask for directions? Expound on your answer.

5. Today’s photo
Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.