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Unit 2: Describiendo y recomendando destinos turísticos.

CONTENTS OF THE LESSON:

- Tourist attractions and events
- Description of destinations and events.
- Prepositions of place. Giving directions of landmarks.
- Recommending places.

SKILLS TO PRACTICE:

- Reading
- Listening
- Speaking
- Grammar in use.
- Vocabulary in use.



Attractions and events

Describing a destination.

Natural	Built	
● mountains (e.g. the Himalayas) ● lakes and rivers ● national park (e.g. Yosemite, USA) ● heritage coast	● historic site (e.g. Shakespeare's birthplace, Stratford-upon-Avon, UK) ● archaeological site (e.g. Forum, Rome, Italy) ● monument (e.g. Nelson's Column, Trafalgar Square, London)	● museum ● art gallery (e.g. Louvre, Paris) ● theme park (e.g. Disneyland) ● palace / stately home (e.g. Versailles, France) ● castle
Events	Entertainment and leisure	
● music / arts festival (e.g. Edinburgh Festival, UK) ● religious festival ● carnival (e.g. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) ● parade (e.g. Gay Pride, San Francisco)	● theatre ● concert hall ● nightclub ● casino ● zoo	● shopping ● sports centre / stadium (e.g. Wembley, London)

Vocabulary

Tourism features and attractions

The things that attract tourists to a particular country can be divided into different groups. Look at the table.

Climate	Natural features	Built attractions	Events	Food, drink, and entertainment	Accommodation	Transport
rainy	beach	cathedral	carnival	restaurant	hotel	train
sunny	desert	museum	folk dance	bar	motel	plane

Decide which column the words in the list should go in (there may be more than one possibility). You can use an English–English dictionary.

harbour	castle	damp
music festival	concert	metro
campsite	countryside	nightlife
waterfall	art gallery	temperate
chilly	heritage	coastline

- ☀ Sun, sea, and culture – with a Spanish style
- ☀ 300 days a year of guaranteed sunshine
- ☀ Fabulous beaches
- ☀ Easy to get to
- ☀ Great entertainment
- ☀ Something for every type of tourist

Floating between Spain and the North African coast, the Balearic Islands offer the perfect location for a fantastic holiday. There are four main islands for you to choose from, each with their own special atmosphere.

The gorgeous climate boasts more than 300 days a year of guaranteed sunshine, making the islands the ideal setting for a beach holiday. The long hot summer stretches from May to October, with temperatures around 27°C – just right for relaxing and getting a tan.

The islands offer a number of attractions for tourists. Sun-seekers will love the fabulous beaches. Fun-seekers will enjoy the exciting nightlife – the clubs and discos of Ibiza provide plenty of entertainment for young

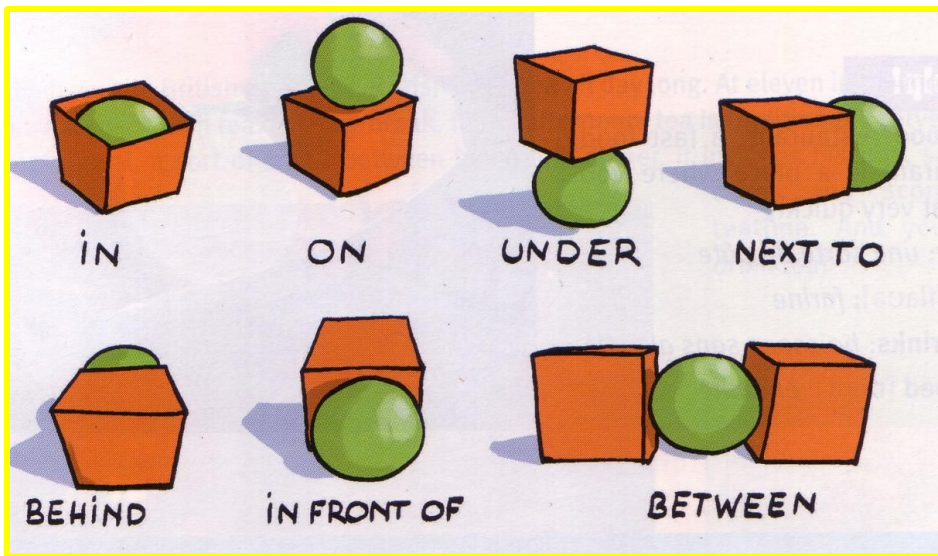
people. But there's more to these islands than sun and fun. You can also enjoy wonderful architecture (the Gothic cathedral at Palma is well worth visiting), hilltop villages, olive groves, great food, and hidden beaches. You can take a relaxing fishing or sailing trip, or go to one of the many festivals. If you go in June, don't miss the spectacular Fiesta of San Juan at Ciutadella on Menorca.

Whatever you want from a holiday, the Balearics will help you find it.

• Language spot

Describing resources and features

	New Zealand	The Balearic Islands
Describing geographical features	New Zealand lies in the South Pacific Ocean. It consists of two islands. It is located 1,600 km south-east of Australia.	
Describing climate	The climate is generally temperate and damp. The extreme north has got an almost subtropical climate.	
Describing tourist attractions	The main attraction for tourists is the scenery. The landscape is largely unspoilt and very varied. There are mountains, lakes, glaciers ...	



Prepositions of direction.

Prepositions of place.

Giving Directions

VERBS

turn left	turn right	go straight ahead	go past ...	cross

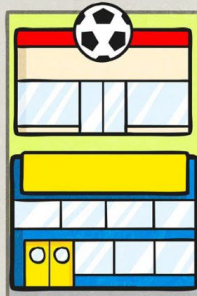
PREPOSITIONS OF PLACE

at the corner of ...	next to	opposite	between

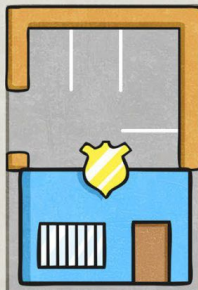
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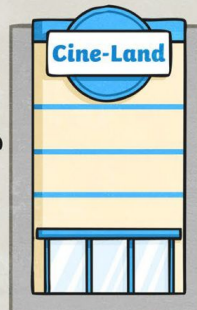
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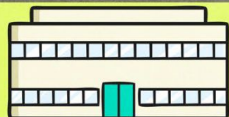
Malcolm Avenue



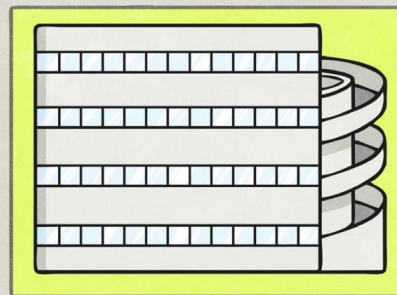
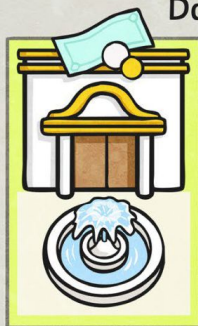
Hennessey Road



Crabb Street



Dale Street



Places in a city. L Á

Where is the bank?

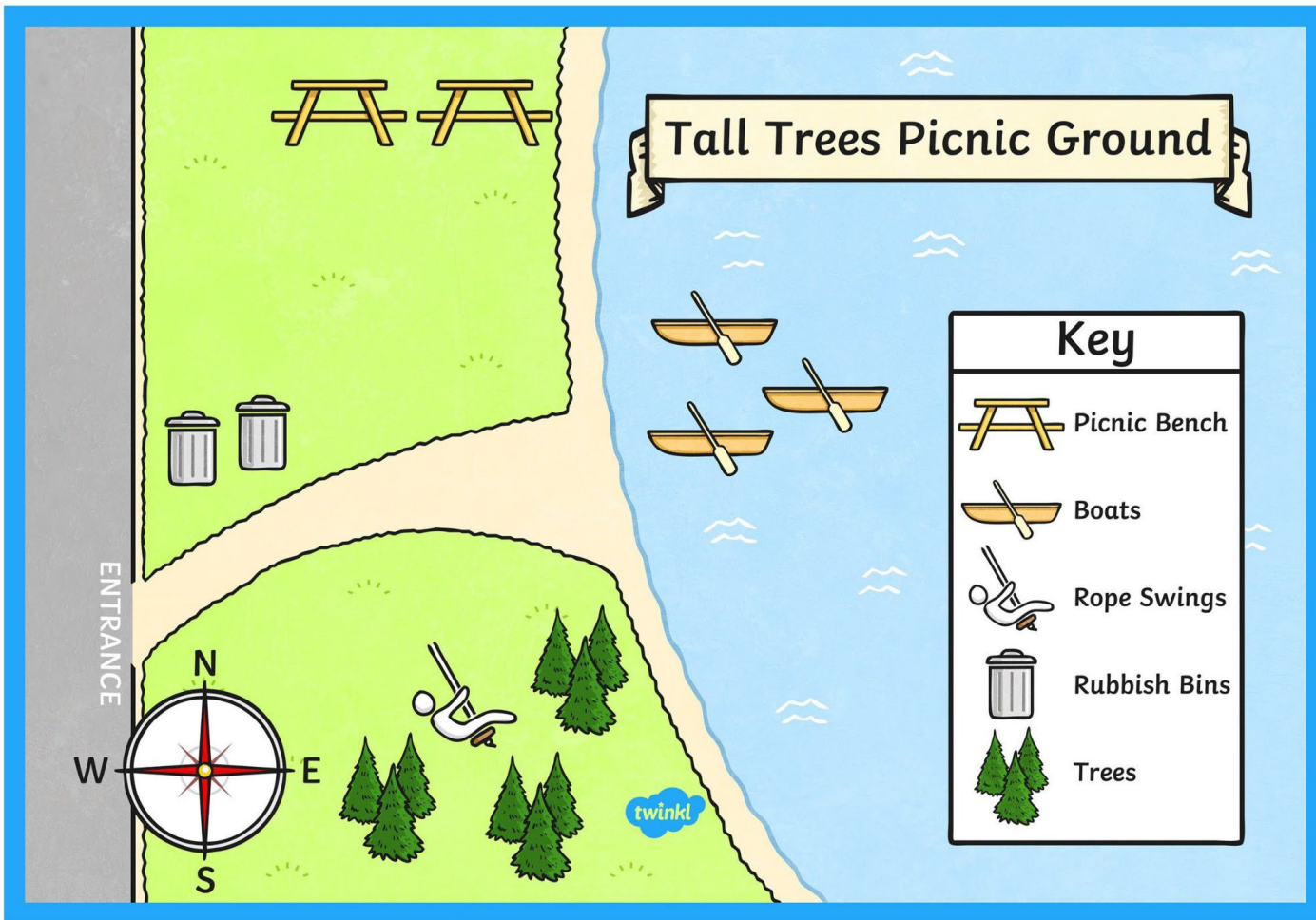
- It's **between** the restaurant and the school.
- It's **between** Main and Dale Streets.

Where is the pizza place?

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Where is the burger place?

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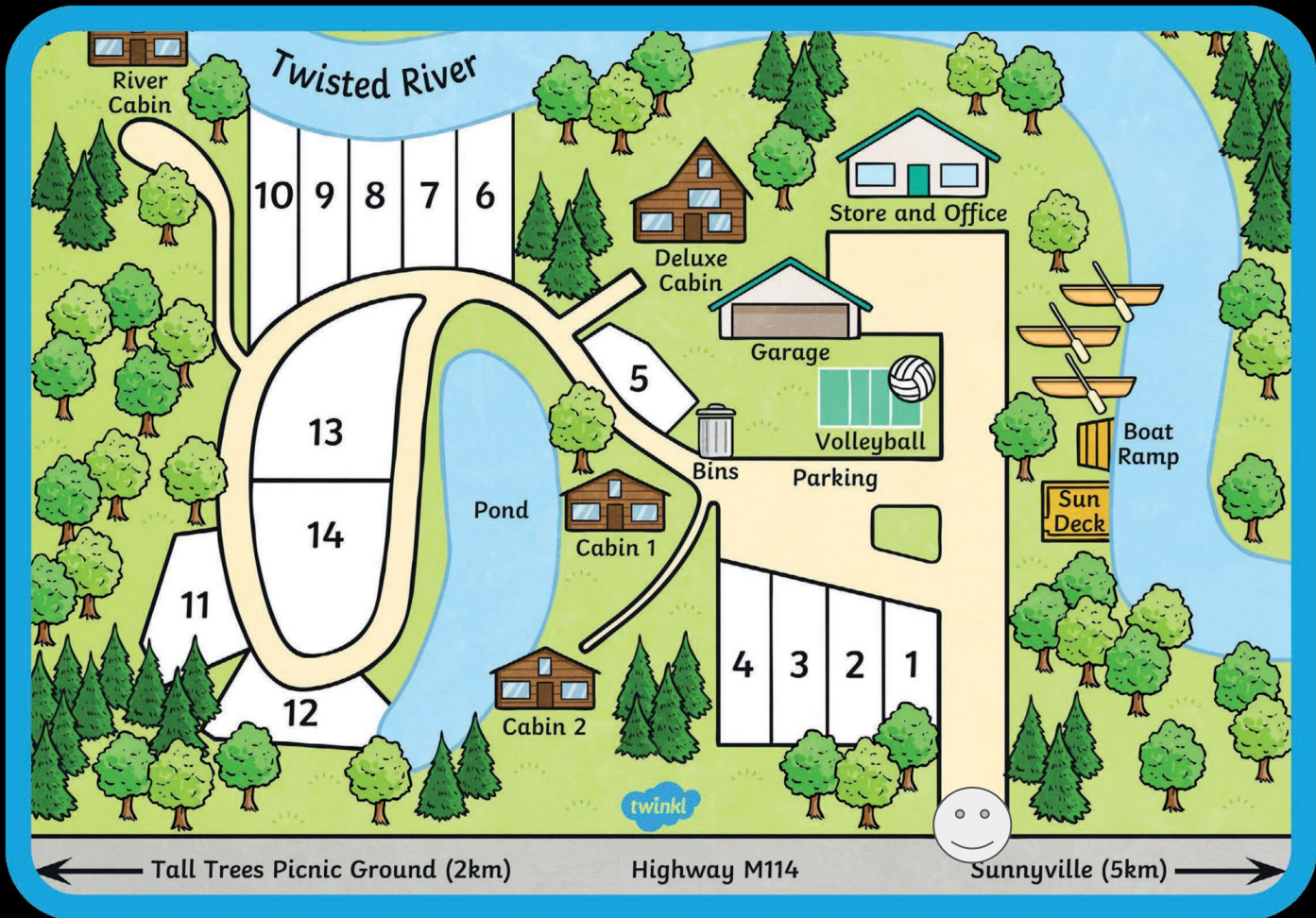
Places in a picnic area.

Where are the rubbish bins?

- They're at the entrance **on the left**.

Where are the pine trees?

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Places in Tourist Resort.

How can I get the boat ramp?

- **Go straight ahead on Main Street, go past the Sun deck, next to it, you'll see the ramp by the river.**

How can I get the volleyball court?

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Giving Directions In English



Listening: Giving directions.
Giving directions and prepositions of movement (pdf)



- *The easiest way is to...*
- *The quickest way is to...*
- *The best way is to...*
- *Turn back/ Go back*
- *Turn left/ right (into...)-*



- *It's this way/that way*

- *Take the first/ second road on the left/right*
- *It's on the left/right.*
- *Go up/down*
- *It's about 50 meters from here*
- *It's on your right/left*
- *It's in the middle of the block*
- *It's on the corner*
- *It's next to/ across/ between/ in front of...*
- *Take this road*
- *Go down there*
- *Take the first on the left*
- *Take the second on the right*
- *Turn right at the crossroads*
- *Continue straight ahead for about a mile*
- *Continue past the fire station*
- *You'll pass a supermarket on your left*

- *Drive to... street and turn left/right*
- *Go straight ahead...*

- *It'll be on your left/right*
- *It'll be straight ahead of you*

Adjectives to describe cities.

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|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1 nightlife | a active | f famous |
| 2 sport | b dazzling | g luxurious |
| 3 shopping | c designer | h trendy |
| 4 accommodation | d diverse | i wild |
| 5 theme parks | e exhilarating | |

Phrases to recommend places.

- a If I were you, I'd ...
- b One of the best experiences you can have is ...
- c I've got an idea: why don't you ...
- d I'd recommend -ing ...
- e There's no better place for _____ than ...
- f You might like to think about ...
- g Have you thought about ...
- h Your best option is ...
- i For a really memorable experience, you should ...

Give recommendations to visit your region. Use adjectives to describe it and phrases to promote it.

Tourist information in _____

A general description

Information on natural features

Places to visit (e.g. museums, historic buildings)

Nightlife and entertainment

Shopping

Accommodation

Other important information

