

# 11. Asking for Information

These are important phrases you can use when you need to ask for information.

1	<b>Can you tell me ~ ?</b> (normal)	<i>Can you tell me how to get to the station?</i>
2	<b>Could you tell me ~ ?</b> (polite)	<i>Could you tell me the way to the station?</i>
3	<b>I'd like to know ~ ?</b>	<i>Hi, I'd like to know what floor the game software are on.</i>
4	<b>Do you know ~ ?</b>	<i>Excuse me, do you know where the toilet is?</i>
5	<b>Do you have any idea ~ ?</b>	<i>Hey, do you have any idea how to use this ticket machine?</i>
6	<b>Could anyone tell me ~ ?</b>	<i>Hey guys. Listen up. Could anyone tell me where I can order a hamburger?</i>
7	<b>Would you happen to know ~ ?</b>	<i>Excuse me, would you happen to know what time it is?</i>
8	<b>I don't suppose you (would) know ~ ?</b>	<i>Hey, I don't suppose you'd know the way to Korakuen, would you?</i>
9	<b>I was wondering if you could tell me ~</b>	<i>I was wondering if you could tell me how to get the toilet?</i>
10	<b>I'm calling to find out ~</b> (phone)	<i>Hi, I'm calling to find out if you offer take-out options in your restaurant.</i>

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| - how to get to ○○          | - where the ○○ is                      | - the way to ○○    |
| - what time the bus leaves. | - where to catch the train to ○○ from. | - how to use this. |

- Do you ask for help when you are lost or try and find the place yourself?

### Role-play

Use the above phrases in the following situations.

<i>You don't know where to buy a train ticket.</i>	<i>You are looking for you hotel (The Hilton)</i>	<i>You want to catch a train to Kurashiki</i>	<i>You are calling a movie theatre to check the movie time.</i>
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