

DO YOU KNOW THE WAY?

Lesson Eighteen

Objectives: This lesson will acquaint you with some ways of asking and giving directions, as well as some common locations and ways of expressing locative relationships. At the end of this lesson you should be able to ask directions to common places you might be able to find, and understand the basic locative prepositions well enough to describe the position of a building relative to that of another.

Activities: This exercise provides a basic format for asking directions to a place and receiving instructions regarding where it is and how to get there. From the vocabulary listed below, construct dialogues based on the skeleton form opposite, using a variety of goals and directions.

Translation
of Fill-in
Dialogue:

Do you know the way?

Henry: Please, do you know the way to _____ (a) _____ ?

Tom: Yes, _____ (b) _____, and turn to _____ (c) _____.
It's _____ (d) _____ (a) _____ (and _____ (a) _____).

a
the store
the bank
the church
the maneaba
the hospital
the hotel
the school
John's house

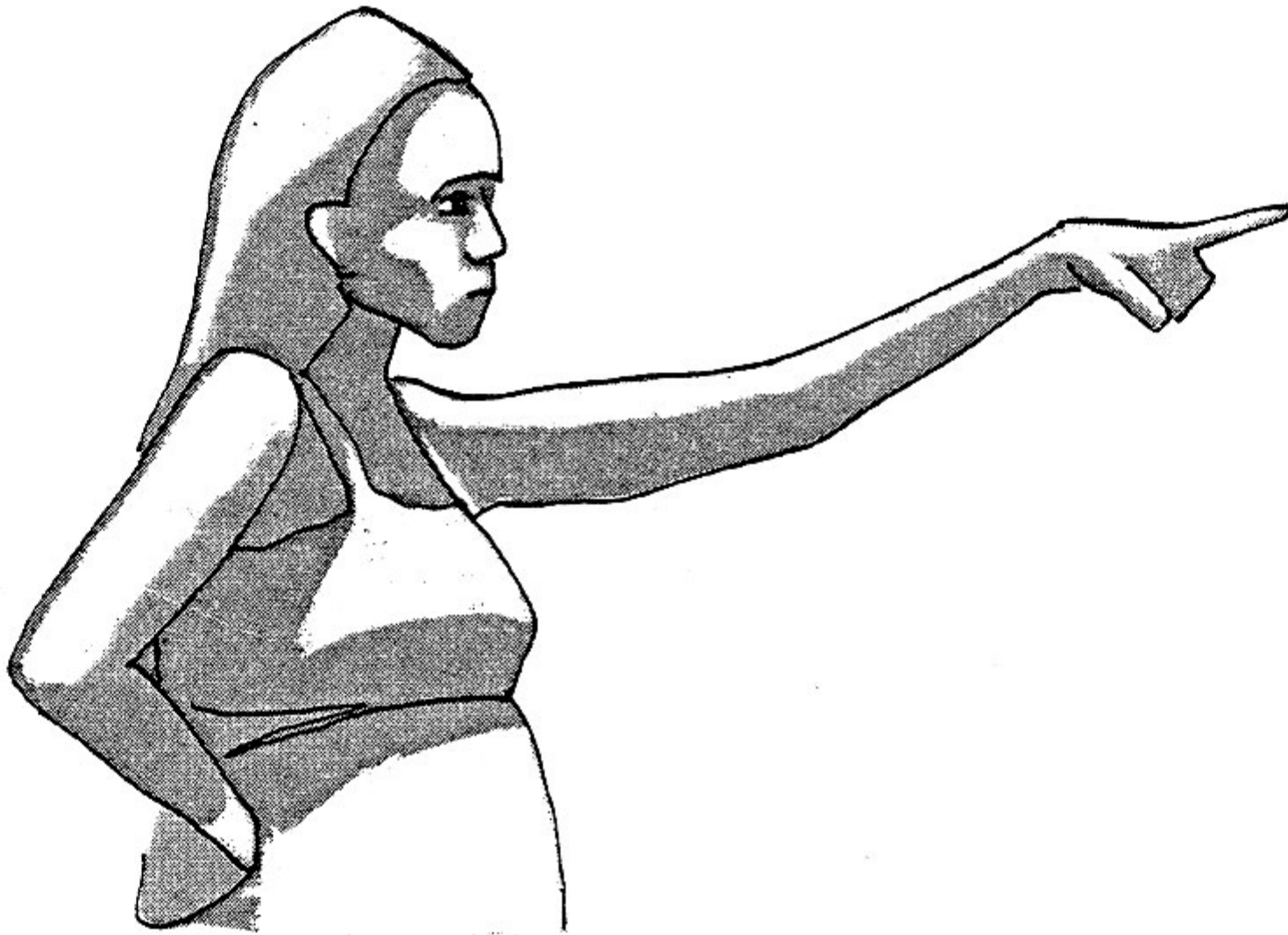
b
take this road
go straight ahead

c
your left
your right

d
beside, next to
behind, in back of
behind, in back of
before in front of
before, in front of
between

KO ATAA TE KAWAI?

Reirei Tebwi Ma Waniua



Fill-in
Dialogue:

Ko ataa te kawai?

Eneri: Taiaoka, ko ataa te kawai nakon _____ (a) _____?

Tooma: E eng, _____ (b) _____, ao rairaki nakon _____ (c) _____.
Bon _____ (d) _____ (a) _____ (ao _____ (a) _____).

a
te titooa
te bangke
te um'antabu
te m'aneaba
te oonaoraki
te auti ni iruwa
te reirei
ana auti Tiaon

b
toua te kawai aei
waaki kaeetiko rake

c
ataim
maingim

d
irarikin
iakuun
ibukin
imatan
im'aain
imarenan

Additional
Activities:

Memorize the additional dialogue, adding it to the one you have been working with. Practice the whole dialogue, varying your role. Now try to create a different continuation for another situation. For example, what if the place were far, if you had to go by motorbike, or if there were a message to be delivered?

Translation
of Continuation
of Dialogue:

I know the way

Henry: Is it far, that place?

Tom: No. Would you like it if I were to accompany you?

Henry: Yes, if you could.

Tom: Good. Let's go there now.

Outside
Activities:

Try approaching a stranger, and after exchanging greetings ask directions to a place you know, noting the different response you get. Try it for a place you don't know, and repeat the directions to see if you've gotten them right. Using a map of your island, try to describe a chosen route to various locations your partner asks directions for. Reverse roles and try some others.

Note:

Notice that all the prepositions (set d) begin with i and end with n. The i can be considered a locative prefix, more or less equivalent to 'at', while the n is the linking particle (which should be getting familiar) pretty much translatable by 'of'. So these expressions all mean 'at _____ of'. These prepositions may incorporate the suffixed possessive pronouns as well: im'aai-m = in front of you (at your front).

Dialogue
Continuation
to Memorize:

I ataa te kawai

Eneri: E rarōa te tabo aanne?

Tooma: E aki. Ko kukurei ngkana I iriko nako iai?

Eneri: E eng, ngkana ko konaa.

Tooma: E raioiroi. Ti na nako iai ngkai.