

Directions		
English	Pronunciation	Writing
North	běi	北
South	nán	南
East	dōng	东
West	xī	西
Front	qián	前
Forward/Ahead	xiàng qián	向前
Behind	hòu	后
Back	hòu mian	后面
Left	zuǒ	左
Right	yòu	右
On	shàng	上
Under	xià	下
In	lǐ	里
Inside	lǐ miàn	里面
Out	wài	外
Outside	wài miàn	外面
Beside/Next to	páng biān	旁边
Opposite/Across	duì miàn	对面
In the middle	zhōng jiān	中间
The bank East of the school	yínháng zài xuéxiào dōngbian	银行在学校东边
There are many students in the classroom	Jiàoshì lǐbian yǒu hěnduō xuéshēng	教室里边有很多学生
Behind the teacher	lǎoshī (de) hòubian	老师(的)后边
Outside the car	chē (de) wàibian	车(的)外边

- Direction words such as 东/西/南/北/前/后 /左/右/上/下/里/外 are generally used in conjunction with suffixes such as 边 (bian) or 面 (miàn). Together they form a location word (place word),

- Direction words such as 东/西/南/北/前/后 /左/右/上/下/里/外 can take both 边 (bian) or 面 (miàn) while 旁 takes only 边 , 对 only takes 面 and 间 goes only with 中.



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Everyday places

English	Pronunciation	Writing
Home	jiā	家
Office	bàn gōng	办公
Supermarket	chāo shì	超市
Shopping mall	shāng chéng	商城
Gym	jiàn shēn fáng	健身房
Park	gōng yuán	公园
School	shàng xué	上学
Restaurant	fàn guǎn	饭馆
Toilets	cè suǒ	厕所
Airport	fēi jī chǎng	飞机场
Hospital	yī yuàn	医院



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