

<http://travel.excite.com/>

An EFL lesson based on the authentic web site

Intermediate

2-3 class periods

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Travel.excite allows you to locate any street address in the United States on a map that you can zoom in and out on. You can also find driving instructions from any two places in the United States.

What should I do?

First, follow the guided instructions below for a sample address.

1. Let's say we have the address: 4603 Warsaw Avenue
Lyons, Illinois

Go to <http://travel.excite.com>

Scroll down and fill in the following dialogue box with "Illinois."

Search or Browse the Excite Destinations Guide

Explore over 14,000 destinations.



Search by Keywords:

Illinois

Go!

2. Press **Go!**. When you get to the next page, click on Illinois, USA.
3. On the next page, click on maps. Then fill in the dialogue boxes as follows, and click on **Create Map**.

Map an Address (U.S. addresses only)

Street Address or Airport Code :	Show places on map:
<input type="text" value="4603 Warsaw Avenue"/>	<input type="text" value="Banking/ATMs"/>
City, State or ZIP:	<input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/> 
<input type="text" value="Lyons, IL"/>	<input type="text" value="More Choices"/>
<input type="button" value="Create Map"/> Advanced Map Search	

Also, just below the map you will see **ZOOM IN / ZOOM OUT** so you can zoom in and zoom out to the various scales. **This feature is important. It allows you to answer questions 6 and 7 below. It**

allows you to see where the city is located within the state. For example, you'll find that Lyons is a Chicago suburb on the west side, and if you zoom out some more, you'll see that Chicago is in the northeastern area of Illinois. Also, you'll see the address of 4603 Warsaw Avenue is marked by a **red Δ**.

In the case of Warsaw Avenue in Lyons, zoom out 3 times (wait for the map to appear each time). Do you see Chicago next to the water? Lyons is one of the many Chicago suburbs.

You'll also see that the nearest major highway is 55. Zoom in twice (2X) and you can see some detail about how to get to 4603 Warsaw Avenue by car from highway 55.

4. All right--you know how to do questions 6, 7 and 8

HERE IS YOUR ADDRESS FOR QUESTIONS 6, 7, 8

Your teacher will choose one for you.

Alphabetized by state. These are genuine addresses, as travel.excite cannot work with made-up ones.

4212 N. 16 th Street Phoenix, Arizona (AZ)	15823 Dalton Avenue Gardena, California (CA)	690 Market Street San Francisco, California (CA)
7B Hughes Place New Haven, Connecticut (CT)	400 Maryland Avenue Washington, DC (DC)	13766/1 SW 147 Circle Lane Miami, Florida (FL)
5505 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd Atlanta, Georgia (GA)	92-1160 Hoike Way Kapolei, Hawaii	3820 N. Ventura Drive Arlington Heights, Illinois (IL)
7002 Ardmore Avenue Ft. Wayne, Indiana (IN)	1501 Morningside Avenue Sioux City, Iowa (IA)	50 S. Ninth Street Minneapolis, Minnesota (MN)
26 Summer Street Portsmouth, New Hampshire (NH)	245 Maple Avenue Audubon, New Jersey (NJ)	45 W. 34 th Street New York, New York (NY)
13 N. Loop Rhinebeck, New York (NY)	120 Wormwood Ct Englewood, Ohio (OH)	3100 Interstate 35 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (OK)
12311 NE Glisam Portland, Oregon (OR)	1871 Old Main Drive Shippensburg, Pennsylvania (PA)	1212 21 st Avenue South Nashville, Tennessee (TN)
14416 Woodhorn Drive Houston, Texas (TX)	4538 Centerview Drive San Antonio, Texas (TX)	737 N. 5 th Street Richmond, Virginia (VA)

5. Your teacher has circled your assigned address. Before you answer questions 6, 7 and 8, please review the following words and **give a sample sentence**. Ask your teacher what they mean, especially in the United States, and/or create a New Navigator Window under File, go to www.wordcentral.com and type in the word in the online dictionary. The first one has been done for you.

Country: A separate nation such as the UAE or France.

Sample sentence: The country of the United States has 50 states such as Texas or Hawaii.

State: _____

City: _____

Town: _____

Suburb: _____

6. Find out the following. (Only ONE can be “yes.”)

A) Is your address in a large city? ρ

If the answer is yes, what is the name of the city? _____

B) Is it a small town? ρ

If the answer is yes, what is the name of the town? _____

C) Is it a suburb of a large city? ρ

If the answer is yes, what is the name of the city? _____

7. In what area of the **state** (California, Texas, etc.) is it located? (CIRCLE northeast, south-central, etc.)

NW	NC	NE
W	C	E
SW	SC	SE

8. Go back to the map of your destination. Click on Driving directions to this location. Next, you'll see a dialogue box that says **Advanced driving directions**. Under **Enter a starting address**, type in 200 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA exactly as below. Under **and a destination address**, type the destination your teacher gave you. For example, if it's 4603 Warsaw Avenue in Lyons, Illinois, it will look like this:

Advanced Driving Directions

Enter a starting address:
Street Address or Airport Code:

and a destination address:
Street Address or Airport Code:
