Unit 6 – Há um banco aqui perto?

Activities

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6.1 Objectives
Practice of asking for, and understanding, directions.

Materials
Maps A and B (provided).

In pairs, learners ask each other the questions indicated in order to find out where things are and note them on their map.

6.2 Objectives
Using the language of Units 5 and 6 to talk about places in an open-ended way, giving learners a choice in what they say.

Materials
None

1. Prepare by presenting matrices of possible sentence structures used to talk about a town.

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<th>há</th>
<th>uma farmácia</th>
<th>no centro da cidade</th>
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<td>um museu</td>
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<td>supermercados</td>
<td>na rua Chester</td>
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2. Ask your learners, working in groups of two, three or four, to imagine they’re talking to someone from Portugal about their home town/village. Give them a fixed time (10-15 minutes) to come up with as many simple statements as they can, e.g:

- há uma piscina
- não há um museu
- o banco está fechado aos domingos
- há um restaurante italiano na High Street

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An element of competition enhances this activity.

3. At the end of the time allowed, each group reads out one of their statements in turn until all the prepared statements are exhausted. The activity can be consolidated by asking questions to the group as a whole, e.g.

   O supermercado está aberto todos os dias? E o banco?

   ... and extended by bringing in new words that are easy to guess, e.g:

   restaurante chinês, escola de ténis.