

GeoGuessing



Level:

Intermediate- Advanced (can be used for virtual language lessons)



Objectives:

The student will practice describing things or places they see; the student will use cultural knowledge and context clues to guess each location



Timing

10-15 minutes



Prep/

Materials:

Pick a few locations using Google Maps (can be very famous locations, locations the student knows well – like their hometown, locations in their new city they haven't explored yet, somewhere they've dreamed of going, etc.)

1. Google Maps is an incredible source of information today. We can use this tool not only for GPS-navigation, but also as a way of virtual exploration. Pick a few locations to discuss with the student or have them choose!
2. Find the location on Google Maps and go to the "Street View"
3. Share your screen with the student and ask them to describe what they see. Here are some other ideas for your conversation:



Breakdown:

- a) If the student has been to this place before, ask them what they did there? Would they go back? Have them tell you a story about the place and what it means to them or their family.
- b) Have the student be your "guide": they should use commands and cardinal directions to help you navigate around their hometown.
- c) Navigate to the "center of town" where your student lives. Have them take control of the map to show you where they have been, what restaurants they've tried, where they would like to go, and more. Ask them questions to dive deeper into the conversation.