# 11.1 Listening: stories, directions and opinions

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**KEY WORDS** signposts

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## Objective

Supported preparation: Catch story signposts and opinion badges; Replay directions as a picture. This is original classroom practice, not an official exam paper.

## 1 Key knowledge and worked examples

**Signposts.** Stories: one day opens, then and after that link, suddenly turns, luckily weighs, in the end closes; four fingers: who, where, what happened, how it ended. Directions: turning words, landmarks, positions; the last sentence names the destination and its neighbour. Opinion badges: I think (normal), to be honest (stronger), I doubt (polite no); everybody knows is an opinion in a fact coat.

## 2 Practice

**2.1** Name the four story fingers. [4]

**2.2** Which signpost promises a turn, often trouble? [1]

**2.3** What does the final directions sentence name? [2]

**2.4** Which badge marks polite disagreement? [1]

**2.5** What kind of line carries the opinion in an argument? [1]

## 3 Exam-style questions

**3.1** *(Story style.)* Catch the links: Last month I visited my uncle. One evening we went fishing. Suddenly the engine stopped. Luckily a farmer pulled us in. In the end we got home at midnight. Name the turn signpost and the weigh signpost. [2]

**3.2** *(Directions style.)* Draw from: go straight on, take the second left, go past the school, it is opposite the bank. How many turns, and what is the destination next to? [3]

**3.3** *(Badge style.)* Sort by strength: I see your point, but; I think; everybody knows. [3]

## Solutions

**2.1** Who (1); where (1); what happened (1); how it ended (1).

**2.2** suddenly (1).

**2.3** The destination (1); its neighbour (1).

**2.4** I doubt that / I am not sure that (1).

**2.5** The concession line: I see your point, but (1).

**3.1** Turn: suddenly (1); weigh: luckily (1).

**3.2** One turn (the second left) (1); destination: opposite the bank (1); landmark passed: the school (1).

**3.3** I think: normal opinion (1); I see your point, but: disagreement in a coat (1); everybody knows: opinion dressed as fact, strongest claim (1).

Local review guidance: (R1) signposts, not words; numbers anchor; badges first. Authored guidance.