

direction[d(a)ɪ'rekʃ(ə)n] *n*

1. 1) **направление**
 direction of propagation [of the ray] - направление распространения [луча]
 in the direction of London - по направлению к Лондону
 from all directions - со всех сторон
 in every direction, in all directions - во всех направлениях
 in the opposite direction - в противоположном направлении
 direction of the traffic - направление движения (транспорта)
 direction of attack - **воен.** направление наступления
 sense of direction - умение ориентироваться, чувство ориентировки
- 2) **область, направление, линия**
 reforms in many directions - реформы во многих областях
2. **руководство, управление**
 the direction of a bank - руководство банком
 to work under smb.'s direction - работать под чьим-л. руководством
 to follow the direction of one's instinct - действовать инстинктивно
3. 1) **указание, предписание, распоряжение**
- 2) **pl** инструкция; директивы
 directions for use - правила пользования, инструкция
 to give directions to smb. - давать кому-л. инструкции
- 3) **указание дороги; совет, как пройти куда-л.**
 to put smb. in the right direction - указать кому-л. дорогу
 I'll make certain of the directions - я попытаюсь разузнать дорогу
4. **правление; дирекция**
5. **обыкн. pl** адрес
6. 1) **постановка (спектакля, пьесы)**
- 2) **режиссура, работа с актёрами**
- 3) **ремарка**
 stage direction - (авторская) ремарка
7. **спец.** направление, ось
 direction of magnetization - ось намагничивания

direction

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dir·ec·tion [direction directions] *BrE* [də'rekʃn] ^ˈ *NAmE* [də'rekʃn] ^ˈ *BrE* [dɪ'rekʃn] ^ˈ *NAmE* [dɪ'rekʃn] ^ˈ *BrE* [da'rekʃn] ^ˈ *NAmE* [da'rekʃn] ^ˈ **noun**

WHERE TO

1. **countable, uncountable** the general position a person or thing moves or points towards
 - Tom went off **in the direction of** home.
 - She glanced **in his direction** .
 - The aircraft was flying in a northerly direction.
 - The road was blocked in both directions.
 - They hit a truck coming in **the opposite direction** .
 - Has the wind **changed direction** ?
 - When the police arrived, the crowd scattered **in all directions** .
 - I lost all **sense of direction** (= I didn't know which way to go) .

DEVELOPMENT

2. **countable, uncountable** the general way in which a person or thing develops
 - The exhibition provides evidence of several new directions in her work.
 - I am very unhappy with the direction the club is taking.
 - It's only a small improvement, but at least it's **a step in the right direction** .

WHERE FROM

3. **countable** the general position a person or thing comes or develops from
 - Support came from an unexpected direction.
 - Let us approach the subject from a different direction.

PURPOSE

4. **uncountable** a purpose; an aim
 - We are looking for somebody with a clear **sense of direction** .
 - Once again her life felt lacking in direction.

INSTRUCTIONS

5. **countable, usually plural** instructions about how to do sth, where to go, etc
 - Let's stop and ask for directions.
 - Simple directions for assembling the model are printed on the box.

CONTROL

6. uncountable the art of managing or guiding sb/sth

- All work was produced by the students **under the direction of** John Williams.
- She was entrusted with the direction of the project.

FILM/MOVIE

7. uncountable the instructions given by sb directing a film/movie

- There is some clever direction and the film is very well shot.

see pull in different/opposite directions **at** ↑pull v.

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in sense 2): from Latin **directio(n-)**, from the verb **dirigere**, from **di-** 'distinctly' or **de-** 'down' + **regere** 'put straight'.

Thesaurus:

direction noun

1. C, U

- They had gone in the wrong direction.

way • • **route** • • **path** • • **course** • | **technical bearing** •

the **right/wrong** direction/way/route/path/course

the **opposite/other** direction/way

take a direction/way/route/path/course

2. C, U

- It's a new direction in party policy.

course • • **path** • • **road** • • **route** •

a **new/different** direction/course/path/road/route

take a/the... direction/course/path/road/route

change (a/the) direction/course

Direction or course? The **direction** of a person or thing usually refers to the way they are developing now and are likely to develop in the future; the **course** is the way that sb/sth developed in the past and up until now

- They are debating the future direction of the party.
- Her career followed a similar course to her sister's.

3. directions pl.

- Directions for use are printed on the box.

instructions •

directions/instructions **for/on/as to** sth

clear/precise/detailed/step-by-step/careful directions/instructions

give sb/follow directions/instructions

Example Bank:

- A scanner deflects the laser beam in horizontal and vertical directions.
- All such research is under government direction.
- America has not moved in the expected direction.
- Are there any directions for putting up the tent?
- At least things are moving in the right direction now.
- Can you give me directions for getting to John's?
- Can you give me directions to the post office?
- Dan followed the direction the sign had pointed.
- Do not let the discussion fragment into a desultory conversation with no clear direction.
- Each card has step-by-step directions on one side.
- Each chapter includes easy-to-follow directions for a variety of activities.
- First determine the direction of your expected business growth.
- Follow label directions for best results.
- He started to run in a random direction.
- He was hit by a lorry coming in the opposite direction.
- His understanding of our business will further strengthen our strategic direction.
- I can't come with you, but I can point you in the general direction.
- I didn't see the accident because I was facing in the opposite direction.
- I don't have much sense of direction.
- I felt the company was headed in a positive direction.
- I fired in the general direction of the officer's head, and missed.
- I measured the distance and compass direction between successive positions.
- I prefer to be facing the direction of travel.
- I was being pushed in one direction.
- In effective classrooms the teacher provided clear direction.
- Internet sites that offer everything from driving directions to subway maps
- Isabel's directions are always very precise.
- It is hard to know which direction the Church will take.

- It's ever so easy to cook. You just follow the directions on the packet.
- It's time to change direction and find a new job.
- Just follow the directions on the box.
- Just follow the online directions to take the quiz.
- Let's approach the subject from a different direction.
- No clear direction in policy can be identified.
- People came running from all directions.
- People passed by without a glance in her direction.
- Shakespeare's famous stage direction, 'Exit, pursued by a bear.'
- She followed the direction of his gaze.
- She glanced in his direction.
- She shoved Sarah in the general forward direction.
- She stalked away, in no particular direction.
- She's a young woman, determining the direction of her life.
- Suddenly, the wind switched directions.
- The adults gazed in the direction indicated.
- The blast sent debris flying in all directions.
- The book signals a shift in direction from her earlier novels.
- The company needed to shift direction if it was going to survive
- The convoy is moving in the direction of the capital.
- The current flows in a south-easterly direction.
- The first step in this direction will be a discussion with the unions.
- The market is moving primarily in one direction.
- The monarch looks to the archbishop for spiritual direction.
- The new law is undoubtedly a step in the right direction, but it doesn't go far enough.
- The new workers need direction from a supervisor.
- The party must take a new direction if it is to survive
- The proposals aim to set a new direction for local government
- The recommendations indicate possible directions for further studies.
- The report gives a brief nod in the direction of green issues before coming down firmly on the side of the market.
- The ride in the reverse direction is a mere \$4.
- The runway was constructed in a north-south direction.
- The story does not go in any particular direction.
- The teacher gives specific directions and corrects your pose.
- The wind had changed direction.
- There are different considerations, often pulling in different directions.
- There was shriek of laughter from the direction of Sarah's room.
- These figures may have to be revised in an upward direction.
- These incentives should move the industry in the desired direction.
- They were both going in the same direction.
- They work under the direction of a senior manager.
- This points to a promising new direction for cancer research.
- This was a major change of direction for Britain's foreign policy.
- Turn the dial in a clockwise direction.
- Unfortunately, we were going in the wrong direction.
- We are looking for somebody with a clear sense of direction.
- We are pulled in opposing directions by our emotions.
- We both walked off in separate directions.
- We got directions to the hall from a man in the town.
- We have to nudge politicians in the right direction.
- What happens if you reverse the direction of the current?
- When sailing, keep a constant check on changes in wind direction.
- Which direction do we have to take?
- While he was studying in Paris, his thinking suddenly veered off in a new direction.
- a house oriented exactly to the cardinal directions
- a step to change your life in a positive direction
- signs providing directions to the new concert hall.
- the critical decisions that shape the direction of our lives
- the debate about the future direction of socialism
- the predicted direction of climate change in the near term
- the strategic direction of the company
- All the work was produced by the students under the direction of John Williams.
- Do you think this represents a radical change of direction for the president?
- He feels that his music is going in the same direction as that of his American counterparts.
- He ran off in the direction of the river.
- I had lost all sense of direction.
- I realized we were travelling in the wrong direction.
- It seems that things are at last moving in the right direction.
- It's only a small improvement but at least it's a step in the right direction.
- It's time for me to change direction and try to find a new job.

- The benefits of new technology seem to be all in one direction.
- The car was going in the other direction.
- The case was beginning to take a new direction.
- The exhibition provides evidence of several new directions in her work.
- The teacher provided clear direction, but allowed children some autonomy.
- There seems to be no clear direction in policy.
- There was a lack of central direction in the service.
- They are debating the future direction of the party.
- When the police arrived, the crowd scattered in all directions.

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direction **S1 W1** /də'rekʃən, dɪ'rekʃən, daɪ-/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun*

[Word Family: **noun**: ↑direction, ↑directness, ↑director; **verb**: ↑direct, ↑redirect; **adverb**: ↑directly ≠ ↑indirectly; **adjective**: ↑direct ≠ ↑indirect]

1. TOWARDS [countable] the way something or someone moves, faces, or is aimed:

Which direction did they go in?

in the direction of something

The suspects were last seen heading in the direction of Miami.

in sb's direction

Tony glanced in her direction and their eyes met.

The girls pointed in the opposite direction.

On seeing me, Maurice changed direction and went along the wharf instead.

As shots rang out, the crowd ran screaming in all directions.

from the direction of something

There was a loud scream from the direction of the children's pool.

in a southerly/easterly etc direction

Continue in a southerly direction until you reach the road.

REGISTER

In everyday English, people usually use **which way ...?** when asking where something is rather than using the noun **direction**:

▪ *Which direction did they go in?* → *Which way did they go?*

▪ | *Which direction is north?* → *Which way is north?*

2. directions [plural]

a) instructions about how to get from one place to another:

A very helpful woman gave me directions to the police station.

b) instructions about what to do:

Be sure you read the directions before using any piece of equipment.

3. WAY SOMETHING DEVELOPS [countable] the general way in which someone or something changes or develops:

We are happy with the direction the club is taking.

move/head/go in the right direction

I believe that things are heading in the right direction in South Africa.

new/different/exciting etc direction

The company is hoping to extend its operations in new directions.

4. CONTROL [uncountable] control, management, or advice

under sb's direction

Under Thompson's direction, the college has developed an international reputation.

5. WHERE FROM OR WHERE TO [countable] where something comes from or where something leads

in a direction

The evidence all points in this direction.

from a direction

Help came from a wholly unexpected direction.

6. PURPOSE [uncountable] a general purpose or aim:

Her mother felt that Rachel's life lacked direction.

7. FILM/PLAY [uncountable] the instructions given to the actors and other people working on a film, play etc

⇒ **a step in the right direction** at ↑step¹(2)

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■ verbs

▪ **go in a direction** I can give you a lift if you're going in my direction.

▪ **move/head in a direction** We followed the other passengers heading in the direction of passport control.

▪ **look/glance in a direction** She looked in the direction that Jeremy was pointing.

▪ **face (in) a direction** The men were facing the direction from which they expected the attack.

▪ **change direction** (=start to go in a different direction) Suddenly the birds changed direction.

■ adjectives

▪ **the right/wrong direction** Are you sure this is the right direction for Shipton?

▪ **the opposite direction** The car crashed into a truck that was coming in the opposite direction.

▪ **a southerly/westerly etc direction** A strong wind was blowing from an easterly direction.

■ phrases

▪ **in each/every direction** (also **in all directions**) At the top of the tower there are splendid views in every direction.

▪ **in both directions** The traffic in both directions on the motorway wasn't moving at all.

- **in different directions** They said goodbye and walked off in different directions.
- **in the general direction of something** (=approximately where something is) He pointed in the general direction of the village.
- **in a clockwise/anticlockwise direction** (=like or unlike the movement of the hands of a clock) All movement on a roundabout is in a clockwise direction.
- **a sense of direction** (=the ability to judge which way you should be going) Do you have a good sense of direction?
- **the direction of movement/travel/flow etc** It was hard work rowing against the direction of flow.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ verbs

- **give somebody directions** Luke's given me directions to his house.
- **follow directions** You can't get lost if you follow my directions.
- **ask (somebody) for directions** Let's stop and ask someone for directions.
- **get directions** (=ask someone for directions) I went into a petrol station to get directions.

■ adjectives

- **clear/good** His directions were very clear and easy to follow.

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