

ENGLISH FOR POLICE

HELPING TOURISTS

Questions tourists ask police

- I'm lost. Can you help me find the Pacific Hotel?
- I'm looking for the American Consulate / Embassy.
- My luggage / suitcase / wallet was stolen. What should I do?
- Who can we trust to exchange our money?
- Where is the bad part of town?
- Please help us. Our child is missing.

Questions police ask tourists

- Which hotel are you staying at?
- When did you lose your wallet?
- How much money was in your purse?
- What did the thief look like?
- What was the man wearing?
- Did he have a weapon?
- Where/When did you last see your child?
- How old is your child?
- What was your child wearing?.

Comforting a tourist in distress

- Please stay calm. I am going to help you.
- We will do everything we can.
- I'll give you a map of the city.
- Try not to panic.
- I can give you a ride to the hospital.
- The ambulance is on its way.
- Don't worry, everything is going to be okay.



Sample Conversation

A Spanish police officer helps a British woman to find her missing child...

Woman: Help! Police!

Police: What's wrong?

Woman: My little son is missing. I can't find him anywhere!

Police: Okay. Calm down, calm down. I'm going to help you find him. What's his name?

Woman: Albert. He's only four. He doesn't know how to speak Spanish!

Police: Okay. What does Albert look like?

Woman: He has black curly hair. He's skinny and tall for his age.

Police: Okay. What is he wearing today?

Woman: Blue shorts and a green T-shirt. He has a hat on too, I think.

Police: How long ago did he go missing?

Woman: I've been looking for him for almost an hour now.

Police: And where did you last see him?

Woman: We were just shopping in the grocery section. I turned around and he was gone.

Police: Don't worry, everything is going to be okay.

Woman: What should I do?

Police: Stay right at the front of the store in case he comes looking for you. We'll start looking for her now.

