

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, Brodi will be able to read and interpret street directories, maps, and atlases effectively. He will gain the skills needed to navigate while driving, including understanding scales, symbols, and directions.

## Materials and Prep

- Street directory (local area)
- Map of the local area
- Atlas (if available)
- Pencil and paper for notes
- Highlighter for marking important information

Before the lesson, ensure that Brodi has a basic understanding of directions (north, south, east, west) and has access to a local street directory or map.

## Activities

### • Map Scavenger Hunt:

Create a list of landmarks or locations in the local area. Brodi will use the map to locate each item on the list, practicing his map-reading skills along the way.

### • Route Planning:

Choose a common destination (like a friend's house or a local store). Brodi will use the street directory to plan the best route, noting any turns and landmarks he will encounter.

### • Symbol Search:

Using the street directory and map, ask Brodi to find and highlight different symbols (like parks, schools, or hospitals). Discuss what each symbol means and how it helps in navigation.

### • Scale Challenge:

Introduce the concept of scale on maps. Give Brodi a distance and ask him to calculate how far that would be on the map, reinforcing his understanding of scale and distance.

## Talking Points

- "Maps are like treasure maps; they can lead you to your destination if you know how to read them!"
- "Understanding directions is crucial. Do you know which way is north? It's the first step in navigating."
- "Look for symbols on the map. They are like secret codes that tell you what's where."
- "When planning a route, think about the landmarks you'll see along the way. They can help you stay oriented."
- "Using a scale is super important. It helps you understand how far things are from each other."
- "Practice makes perfect! The more you use maps, the better you'll get at reading them."
- "If you ever get lost, don't panic! Just pull out your map and find your location."
- "Remember, some maps are more detailed than others. Always choose the right one for your needs."
- "Navigating isn't just about getting from A to B; it's also about enjoying the journey!"

- "What's your favorite place to go? Let's find it on the map together!"
- "Maps can show you more than just roads; they can show you parks, rivers, and even bike paths!"
- "Don't forget to check for updates! Some roads change or get new names."
- "If you're driving, always keep your map within reach, but don't let it distract you!"
- "The more you explore, the more you'll learn about your surroundings. Maps can help you discover new places!"
- "Finally, have fun with it! Learning to navigate can be an adventure in itself!"