

Chicago Botanic Gardens

9:30-9:40 Ice Breaker

- What is the **best** thing that happened to you this week?
- What is the **worst** thing that happened to you this week?

9:40-10:00 Vocabulary and Conversation



After a long, cold winter, there is nothing like a trip to Chicago's **Botanic** Garden! A beautiful park with 26 different kinds of gardens, it is located just east of Northbrook, along Skokie **Highway** 41. It's also great for kids – with a café, nature **hikes**, bike paths, and a **model** railroad garden that **showcases** areas from all around the USA. It's the perfect **outing** for a warm spring day. Tickets can be purchased on line at chicagobotanicgarden.org. There are some free days, though.

Vocabulary

- **botanic** – concerning plants
- **highway** – a large road where cars can go faster
- **hikes** – walks in the woods
- **model** – a copy of something that is small
- **showcases** – shows in a special way
- **outing** – an activity, something people go out of their homes to do

Conversation – Practice this conversation at least twice, taking turns playing the different roles.

Trudy: Hi Karen! What are you doing this weekend?

Karen: Oh, hi Trudy. Well, we're going to the Chicago Botanic Garden this weekend. The weather is supposed to be warm.

Trudy: The Chicago Botanic Garden? Where is it?

Karen: It's east of Interstate 94, on Lake Cook Road.

Trudy: That's not too far. Is it worth it? I bet it's expensive.

Karen: It's definitely worth it. And it's not very expensive. Tickets can be purchased on line at chicagobotanicgarden.org. There are some free days, though.

Trudy: What do you do there?

Karen: We usually go as a family. There are activities for kids on the weekend and there are concerts in the evenings. Last year we took some food and had a picnic!

Trudy: Sounds like fun. Maybe I'll take my daughter there. She loves flowers.

Karen: You'll be impressed. Hope you have fun!

Discuss

1. What is your favorite flower?
2. Do you have a garden? What flowers do you grow in your garden at home?
3. Do you have a shade garden, a sun garden, or both?
4. Have you ever been to the Chicago Botanic Garden? What was it like? Describe your experience. Did you bring your family? What was your favorite part of the Chicago Botanic Garden?
5. What is a famous garden in your country? Where is it located?
6. How would you compare American gardens to the gardens in your country?
7. Do you have any frustrations or difficulties concerning gardening?

10:10-10:25 Following a Map

Conversation: Practice this conversation at least twice

Barbara: Hi Jean! You look rushed. Where are you going?

Jean: Hi! I have to go to the Chicago Botanic Garden but I don't know how to get there from Arlington Heights? Can you help me?

Barbara: Sure! Go to the intersection of Rand Road – that's Road 12 – and W. Palatine Road. Then head east on Palatine.

Jean: Ok.

Barbara: When you get to Interstate 294, turn left and go north, toward Wisconsin.

Jean: Left, ok – got it.

Barbara: Take Interstate 294 for about five miles until you see the sign for Lake-Cook Road.

Jean: Oh, I know that road!

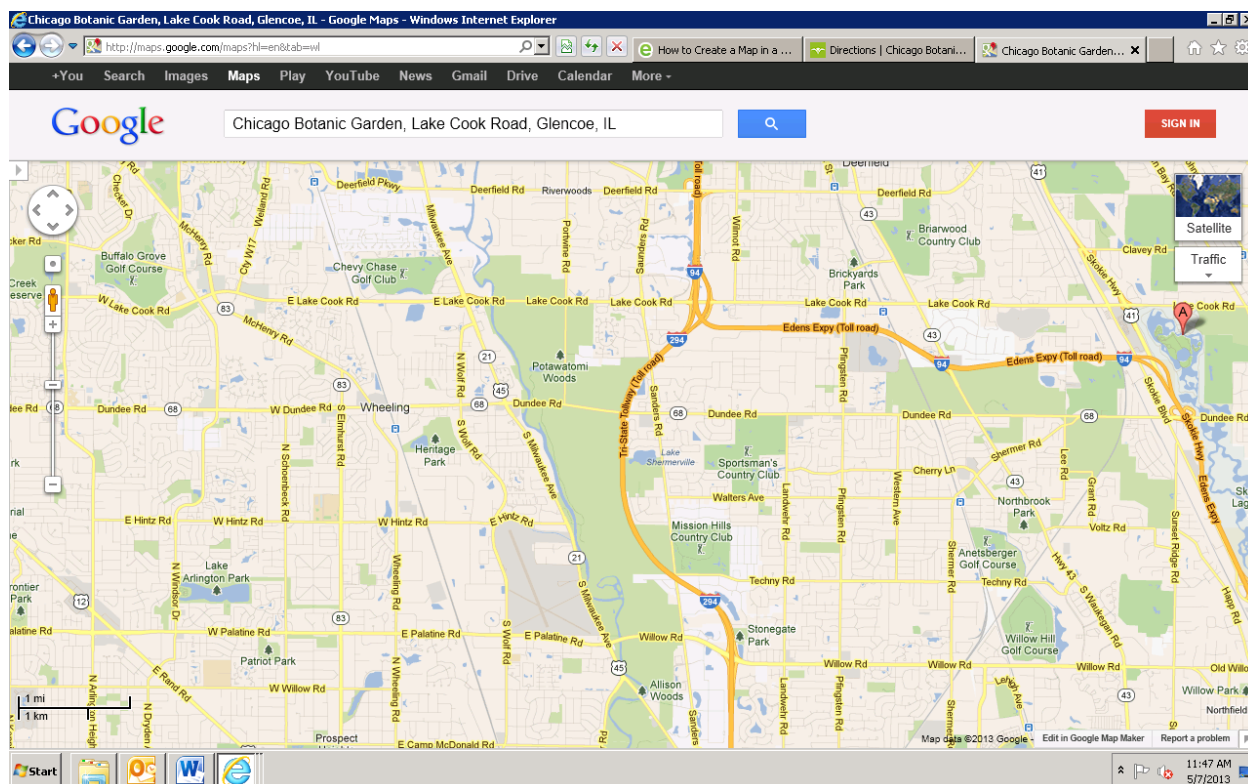
Barbara: Take the exit to the right and head east. Once you cross Skokie Highway, you'll see a sign for the Botanic Garden on your right.

Jean: Oh, I'm afraid I'm confused.

Barbara: That's ok. I'll draw you a map.

Following Directions:

1. Look at the map below.
2. Find the number “12” near the bottom left-hand corner of the map. Road 12 = Rand Road.
3. Find where Rand Road intersects with W. Palatine Road.
4. Try to follow the directions from the conversation above to reach the Botanic Garden.



(from Google map)

10:25-10:40 Practice

Here are some important phrases when you give directions:

- Go to the intersection of _____ and _____
- Go east on _____ until you reach _____. Then turn _____.
- Take _____ for _____ miles.
- It takes about _____
- You've arrived!

Use the map and choose two locations. Try to describe how to go from one place to the other. Use the conversation and the phrases above to help.

Bonus: Can you find these places on the map?

- Buffalo Grove Golf Course
- Lake Arlington Park
- Willow Road
- Briarwood Country Club