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I was **getting into** my car at the mall when I noticed a man standing **nearby** with a map. He looked confused and I asked him if I could help. He **looked up** and was **clearly relieved**. He was from Houston, Texas, he told me, and he was visiting his daughter. She was at work that afternoon and he wanted to **take the opportunity** to buy her a present before she **got back**. But, he wasn't **accustomed to** driving in L.A. and he got all **turned around**. His daughter lived near the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and he needed to **find his way back**.

I was familiar with that area so I gave him some directions:

"When you **drive out of** the mall, turn left and **get into** the **far right lane**. You need to get on the **10** freeway and the **on- ramp** will be on your right. **Go** about two **blocks** and you will see a sign that says 10W **right after** you **cross under** the bridge. Once you are on the freeway, look out for the **exit** for La Brea Avenue. **Get off** at that **off-ramp** and you will be **heading north** on La Brea. **Go straight up** La Brea, **past** Venice Boulevard, and **keep your eye out for** Wilshire Boulevard. If you get to Beverly Boulevard, you've **gone too far**. A good **landmark** to look for is the big Samsung sign on the corner, at the **intersection** of La Brea and Wilshire **atop** an office building. **Make a left** on Wilshire, going west. Go about six blocks and you'll see the museum on **the right- hand side**."

The man said that he **knew his way** from the museum and thanked me for the directions.

I was glad I could help. I don't **envy** anyone who has to drive the freeways in L.A. It's not for the **faint of heart**!