



Survival Phrases S1

Where is the Closest Store in the US?

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English

- Is there a drugstore near here?
- Is there an ATM near here?

Vocabulary

English	Definition	Class
drugstore	store that sells medicine and other things	noun
pharmacy	store that sells medicine and other things	noun
ATM	abbreviation for automatic teller machine, a machine to take money from a personal account	noun

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

- I bought some painkillers at the drugstore.*
I bought makeup at the pharmacy.
People line up at the ATM on payday.
The ATM ran out of money.

Grammar Points

In the previous lesson, we covered how to ask to get something. In this lesson, we'll introduce you to another useful phrase for asking the place where you can find what you are looking for. This phrase is, *is there a (place) near here?* First, we need a place. Let's use the word *drugstore*.

So, all together we say, *is there a drugstore near here?*

The first words *is there* starts the question. *Is there*. This is followed by the object *a drug store* which is what you're looking for in English. Next, we have *near here* which is your location. *Is there a drugstore near here?*

Pharmacy is another word for drugstore.

To ask for a different place, we can just replace the word *drugstore* with any other word and the

phrase works just fine. Let's imagine you need to withdraw some money from your bank account. In English, *is there an ATM near here* is the question to ask. The only thing that changes is the thing you are looking for, in this case *ATM*. *Is there an ATM near here?*

Cultural Insight

Quick tip 1

Once you find a drugstore or pharmacy, you might find chains of the same drugstore around the area. This will make them easier to spot.

Quick tip 2

You can get cash from the ATM, but you should pay by card with big purchases since you don't want to carry around so much cash as a tourist.