

23 Street & City Directions

Clearing up confusion creates communicative competency.

INTRODUCTION

1. This is an information gap activity, and has a version for 3 and 4 persons.
2. This activity is not to give directions TO somewhere, it is to say where something IS. This is the same type of activity as the US States, Directions and Prepositions.
3. This activity uses 40 common city and neighborhood places of business, thus each student will ask and answer questions at least 10 times.
4. Every student knows the same black buildings. When they first begin, it can be a little difficult to describe the locations, because some locations are not near a black building.
5. However, it gets progressively easier, because the more landmarks that are known (and the closer they are), the easier it is to describe the missing landmarks.

INSTRUCTIONS

Students sit in a group of 3 or 4.

1. I go over the directions 1 - 4, and pronounce the prepositions and directions, they repeat.
2. At the bottom, center of each page, are the places that the student is looking for. For example, the first location on **A**'s list is the Bakery.
3. **A** asks: Does anyone know where the Bakery is? **C** will answer, **A** and **B** will write down Bakery in the proper place.
4. Then **B** will ask for a location on her list. Then **C**.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

1. If you describe in 2 or 3 ways where something is, it is easier to find.
2. Your keys are on the coffee table, on the right side, next to your camera.
3. My neck is below my head and above my chest. It is between my shoulders and under my chin.
4. Encourage students to describe where something is using two or more descriptions.
5. For example: The 3-story villa is not square. It is a 5-sided building that is southwest of the traffic light. It is across the street from the short brick building, on the left.

THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

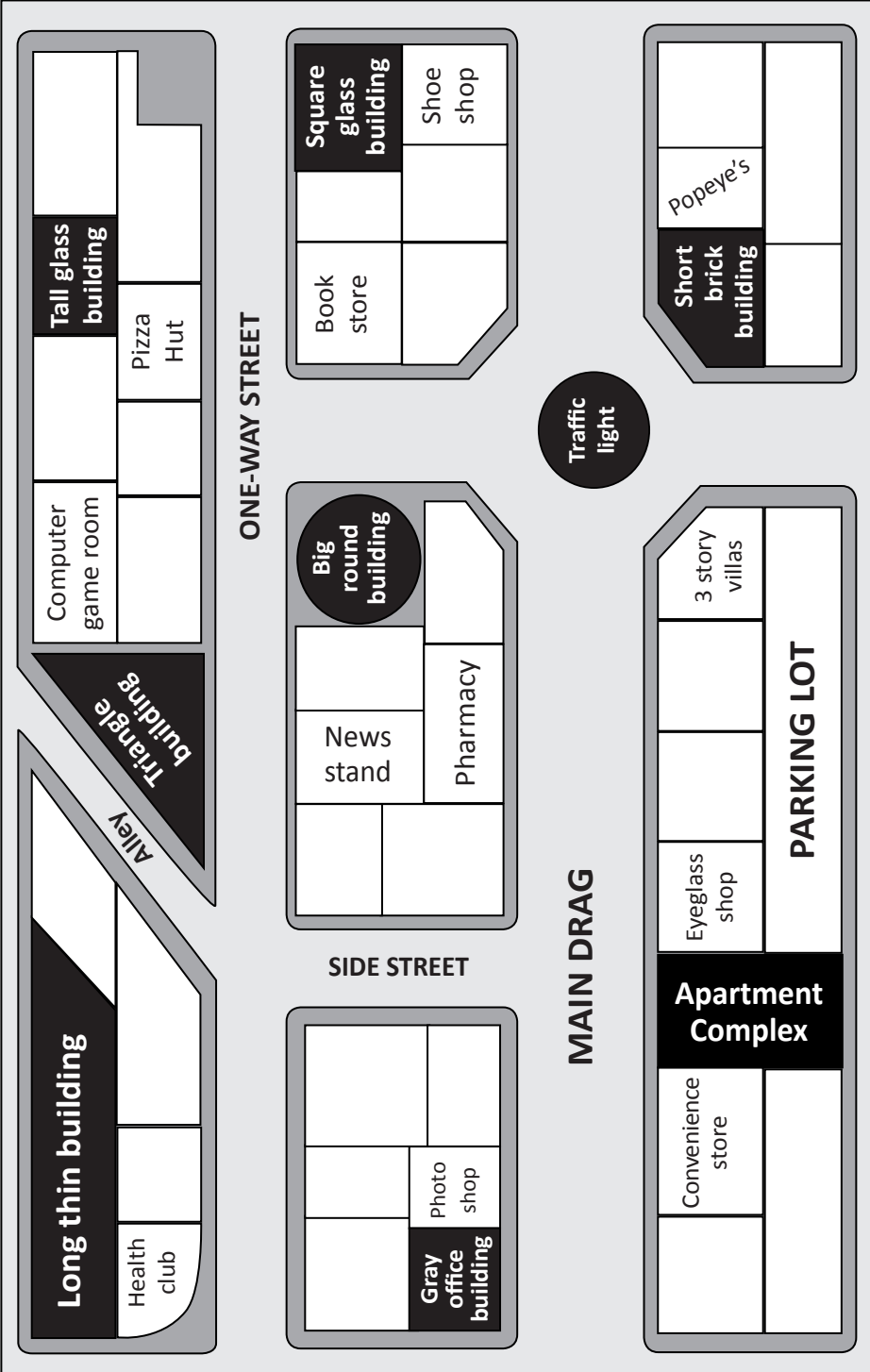
6. Students can use anything to describe. For example: The health club is shaped like a big slice of pizza, and it is right next to the big tree on the short block. It's shaped like one-fourth of a pie.
7. The fruit stand is the smallest building to the right of the apartment complex. It's a rectangle, not a square.

POST ACTIVITY

Some groups finish sooner than others. When they do, I tell them to talk about what they did last weekend, or last semester break, or next weekend. Talk. It's a conversation class.

STREET DIRECTIONS

A 3 person



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 Or. It's on the northwest corner of the middle block.

Excuse me. Where is the bank?
 Does anyone know where the bakery is?
 Where the heck is the money machine?



You are looking for those places

Bakery	Coffee Shop	Hospital	Post Office
Bank	Electronics Shop	McDonald's	Real Estate Office
Baskin Robbins	Fast Food Vendor	Money Machine	Sporting Goods
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Bus Station	Fruit Stand	Night Club	Supermarket
Butcher Shop	Health Food Store	Pool Hall	Western Bar
Church	High Rise Apartments		

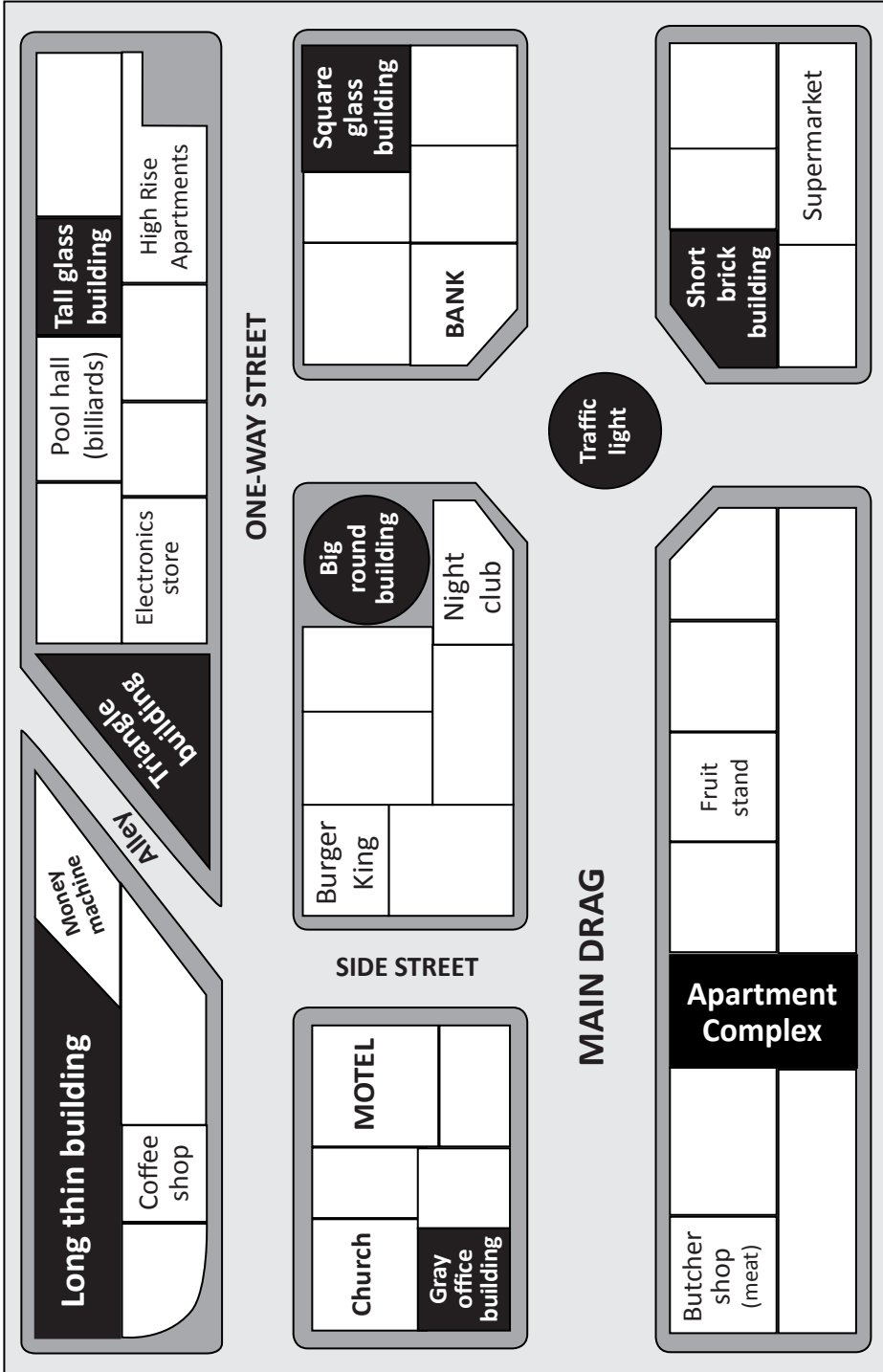
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| Bakery | Flower Shop | Parking Lot | Real Estate Office |
| Baskin Robbins | Convenience Store | Pharmacy | Shoe Shop |
| Book Store | Health Club | Photo Shop | Sporting Goods |
| Bus Station | Health Food Store | Pizza Hut | Subway Entrance |
| Computer Game Room | Hospital | Popeye's | Western Bar |
| Eyeglass shop | McDonald's | | |

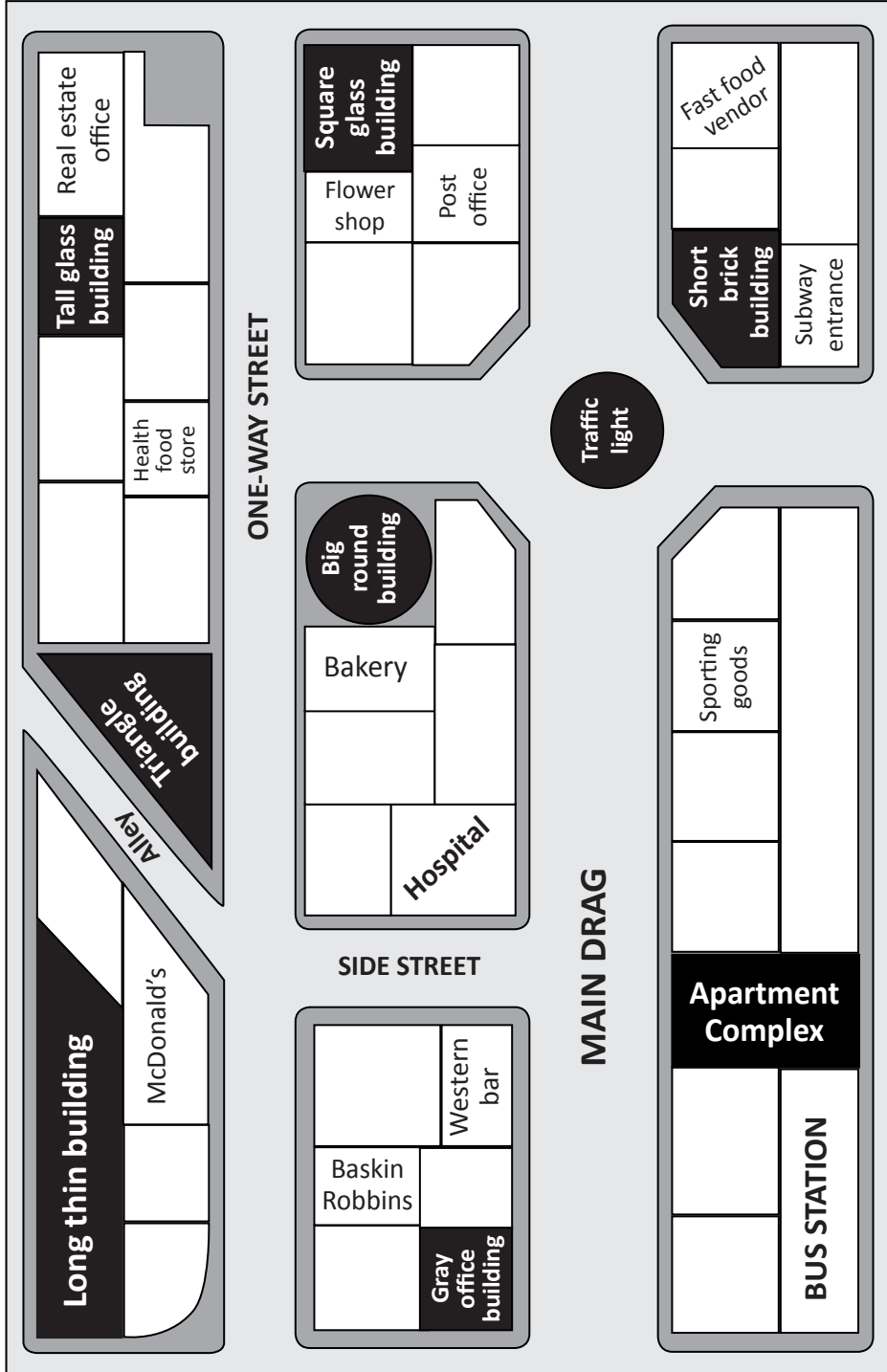
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Church	Health Club	Pharmacy	Supermarket
Coffee Shop	High Rise Apartments		

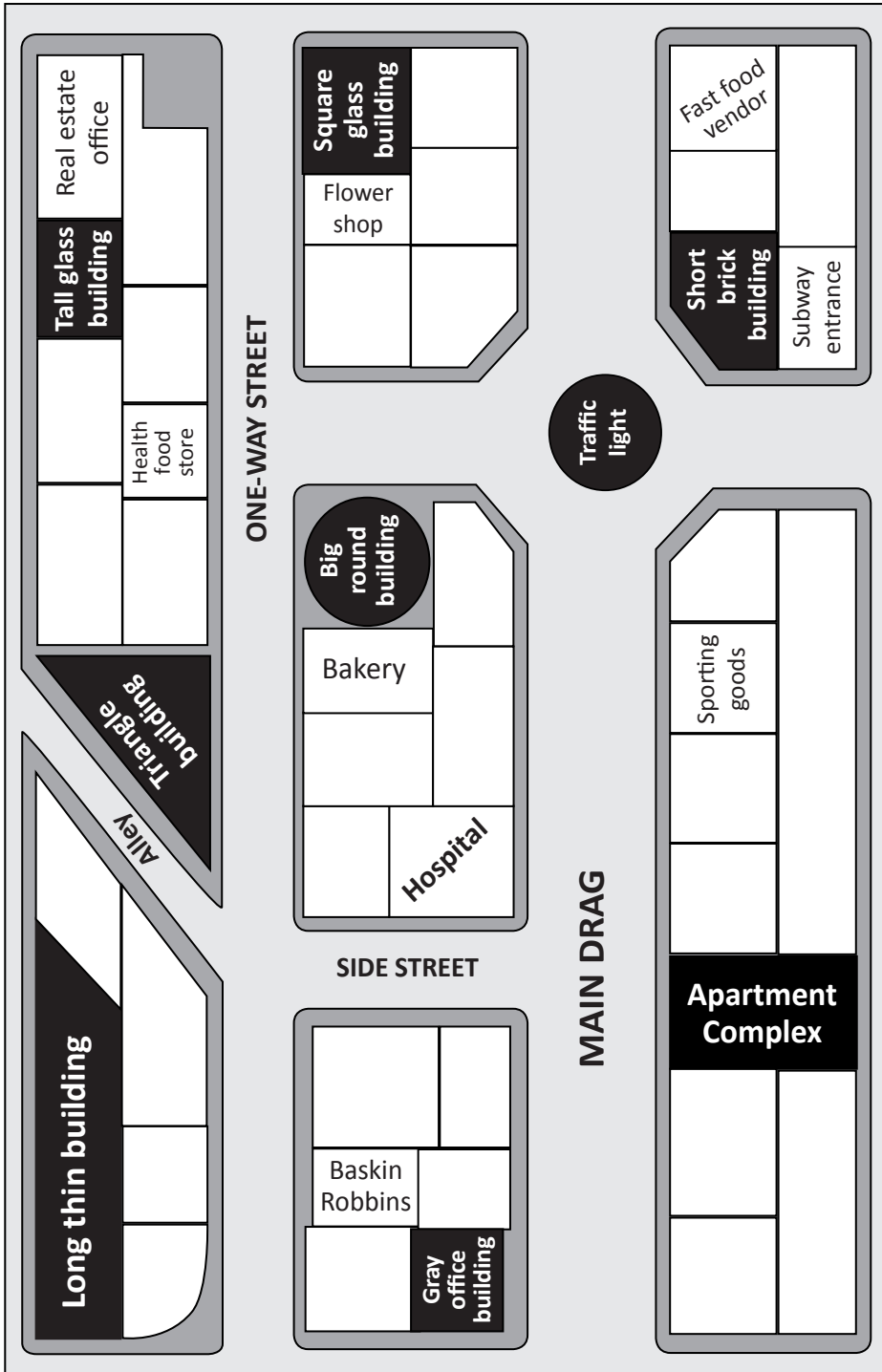
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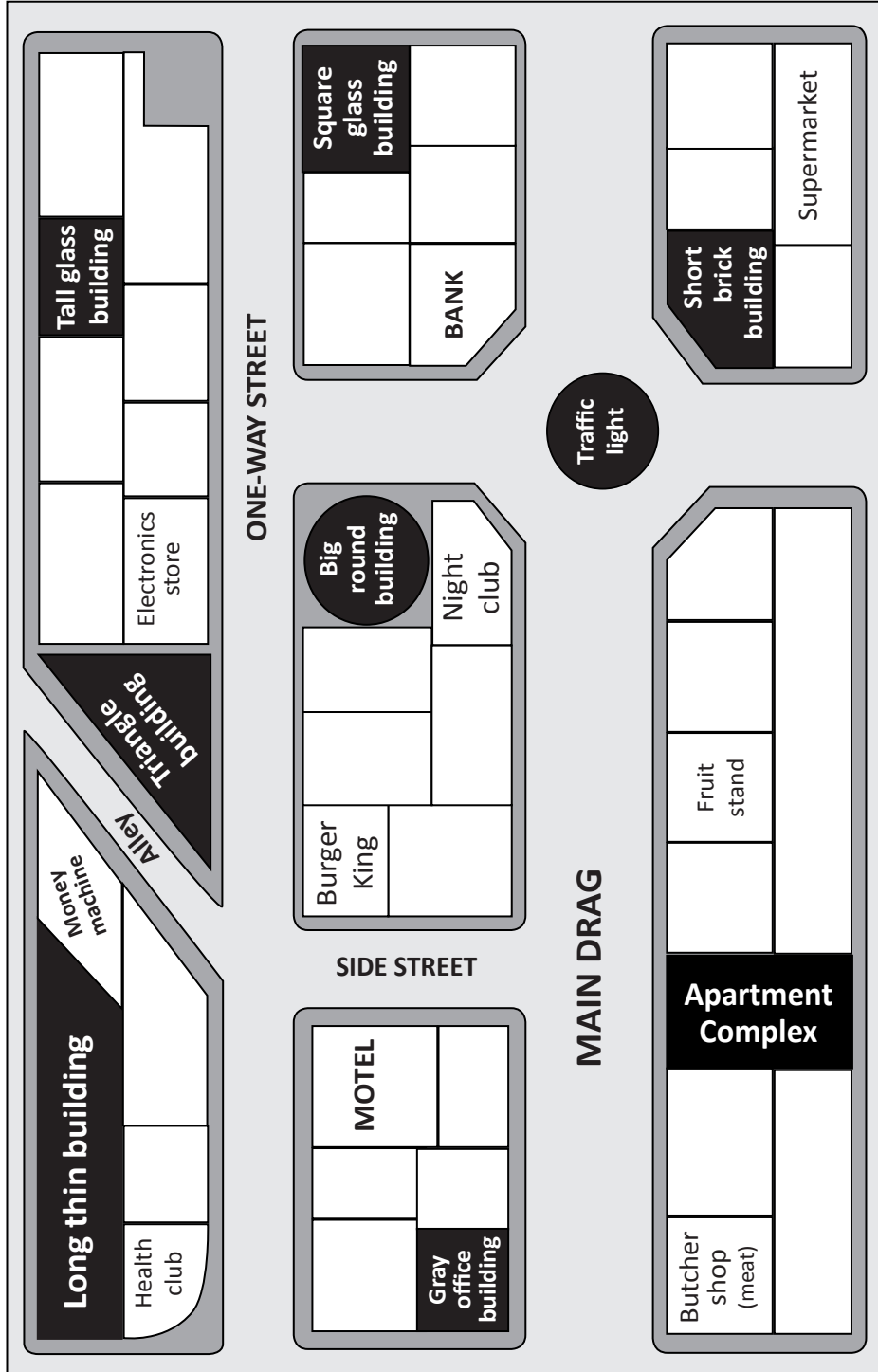


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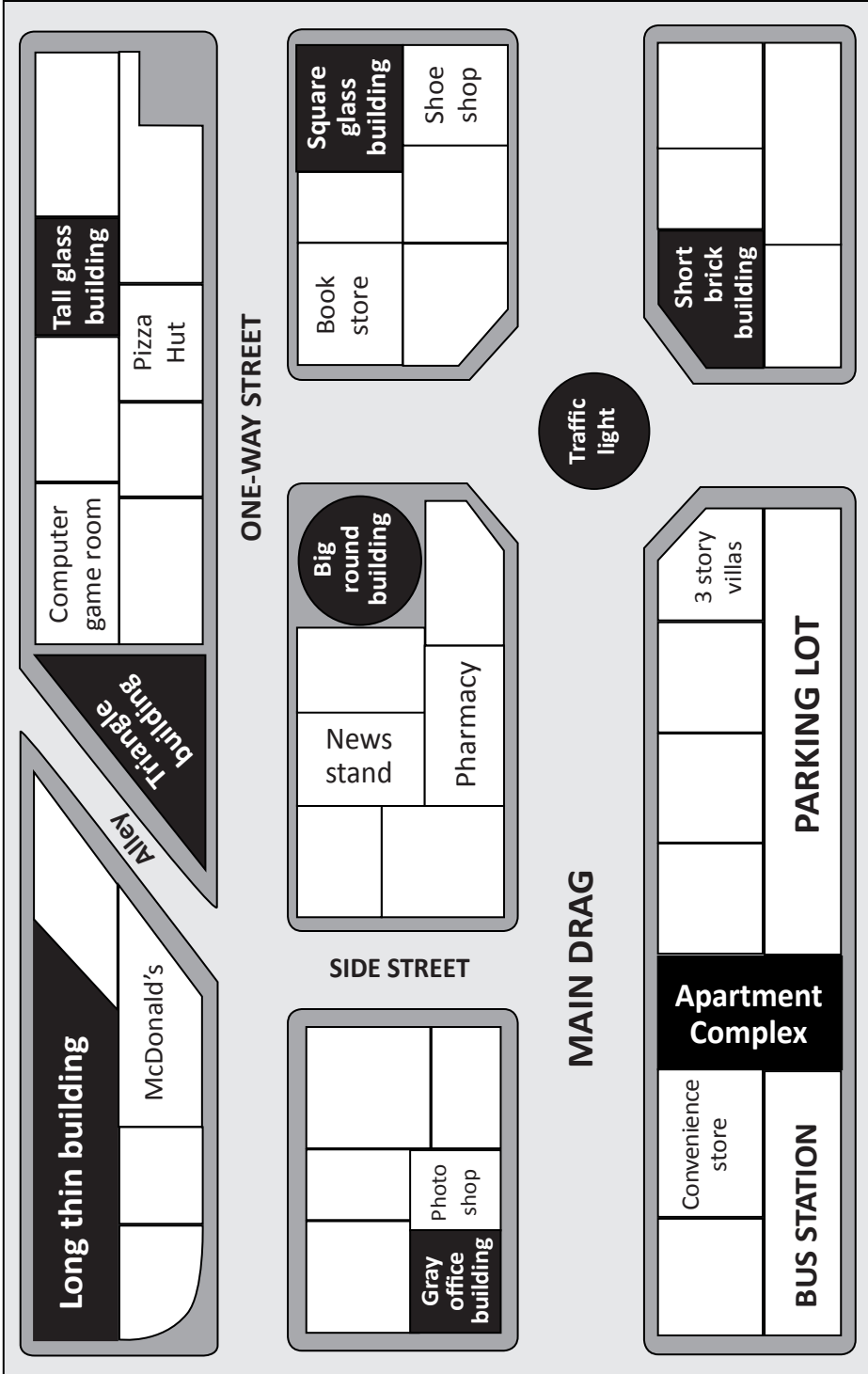
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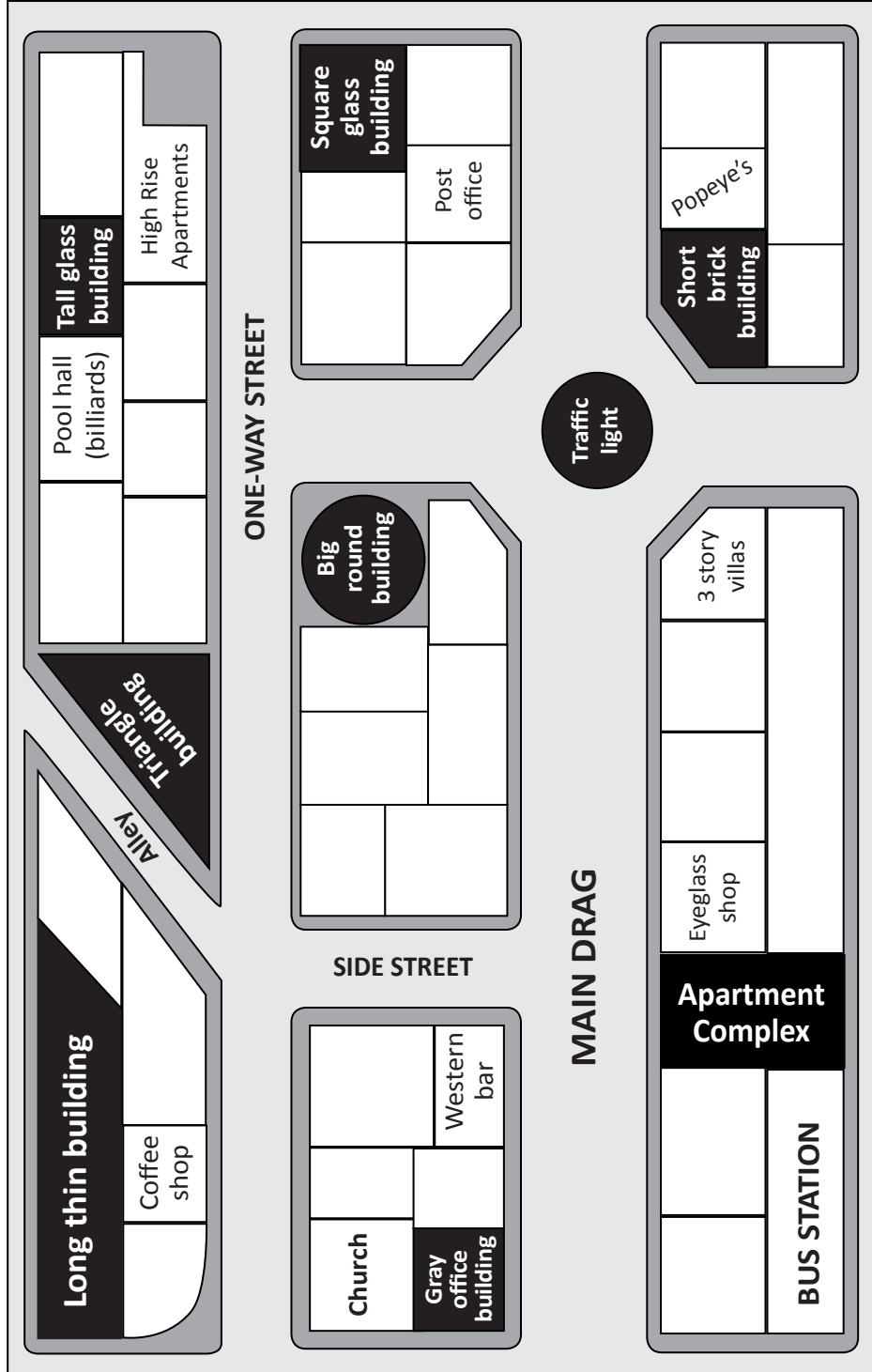


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