

I Found My Way to Costco

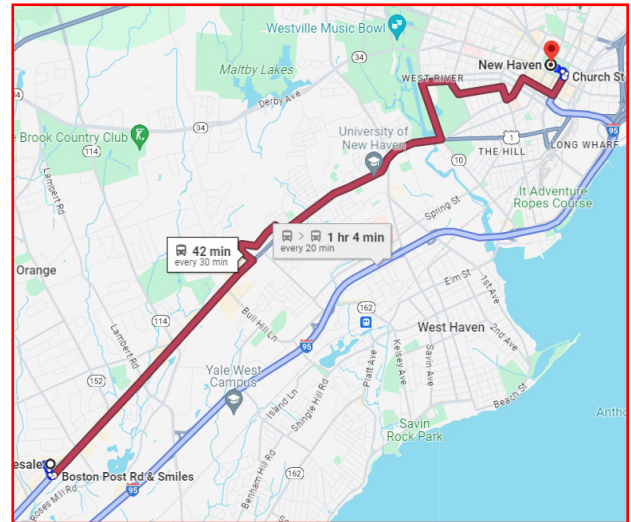
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BEFORE YOU READ: If you are trying to get to a new place, how do you find your way?

When I first arrived here, everything was new to me. I couldn't enjoy American food, so I really needed to buy groceries and cook for myself. I wanted to find a Costco near my place. I was familiar with Costco from when I lived in South Korea. They sell a lot of great products at reasonable prices.

I discovered the nearest one is in Milford. I had to have a new membership because my South Korean membership couldn't be used here. First, I searched online for a way to get a membership card. Second, I had to find transportation. Again, I searched online, and I found out I only needed to take one bus from downtown New Haven to reach the Costco in Milford.

Now, I enjoy my weekly trips to Costco. I look forward to tasting the samples, and I love the coffee shakes!



This screenshot of Google maps shows two bus routes from downtown New Haven to the Costco in Milford. The route marked in red will take 42 minutes. The route marked in blue will take a little more than an hour.



AFTER YOU READ:

1. Why was the author motivated to find a Costco? Cite evidence from the text.
2. What steps does she take to be able to shop at Costco? What digital skills does she need to take these steps?
3. Work in small groups or as a whole class to identify popular destinations (such as parks, museums, libraries, stores) and use digital tools to find routes for getting to those stores.

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