

**Extra 3** **Our town**

Learning the names of various facilities in town.

**P.39****Aims**

Various map symbols are used to show the locations of different places and facilities. This is an activity to learn what these map symbols stand for using English. The map of the local community where the children live will be reviewed. It is a good idea to focus on the area nearby where each child lives in the upper grades when activities focusing out into the world increase. It could also become a chance to try to introduce their own town in English.

**Vocabulary**

police station fire station school city hall post office hospital  
shrine temple station bridge road factory mountain top

**Possible Activities**

1. Children select a town they are interested in or want to go to, and get a map of that town using the Internet. Then they study the map to find out what they can find.  
Look at this map. This is Kiyohara city.  
Can you find the station?  
How many schools are there?
2. Let the children study maps of cities around the world. You can get maps of various foreign cities using the Internet. The map symbols used in maps of Japanese cities are not used in such maps, but the children should be able to guess what the city is like by studying the map.