

4.2 AROUND TOWN


Look at the photos and discuss.

What are the places? Why are they unusual?

around town

Walk through any town in the world and you usually find a post office, a supermarket, a school, a bank, a cinema, a library and so on. But these places are different.

A tourist in Vanuatu (2,000 kilometres east of Brisbane, Australia) can send a postcard from a very unusual place: an underwater post office! You buy your plastic postcard on the beach, write it, and then swim down to the post office. But check the opening times – the post office is only open for one hour a day!

A photograph of an underwater post office in Vanuatu. The post office is a small, white, house-shaped structure with a sign that says 'VANUATU POST' and 'HIDEAWAY ISLAND'. It is located underwater, and a diver is visible inside. The background shows the blue water and some coral.

You can borrow a book in Pakistan and return it in Canada – that's the idea of the Little Free Library (LFL). This LFL is in Lakki Marwat, Pakistan, but there are over 12,000 of these libraries all over the

world, in North and South America, Africa, Asia and Australia. They are usually simple, small wooden houses, big enough for twenty books, and the library is free for everyone.

The Sol Cinema is perhaps the smallest cinema in the world. It's often in South Wales, but it can travel anywhere. There's enough space for sixteen people, and they only show short films up to ten minutes long. When you go to see a film at Sol Cinema, you choose the type of film, get a ticket and a bag of popcorn, sit inside and enjoy the show. It's called Sol Cinema because it's solar powered.



C Work in pairs and match the sentences with the place. Write PO (post office), L (library) or C (cinema).

- 1 'They're plastic, not paper.' *PO*
- 2 'No, you don't pay. You can take one for free.'
- 3 'It's too long – the maximum is ten minutes.'
- 4 'Sorry, we're only open for a short time. You can send it tomorrow.'
- 5 'Twelve people? OK. Four more can come too.'
- 6 'There's one in your town. Take it back there.'

B Complete the sentences with the words in the box below.

~~an art gallery~~ a post office a police station
 a supermarket a theatre a sports centre
 a pharmacy a library a museum a cinema

- 1 You can look at paintings at *an art gallery*.
- 2 You can send a letter at _____.
- 3 You can borrow a book from _____.
- 4 You can buy food at _____.
- 5 You can watch films at _____.
- 6 You can see plays at _____.
- 7 You can play tennis and football at _____.
- 8 You can look at old objects at _____.
- 9 You can find a police officer at _____.
- 10 You can buy medicine at _____.

GRAMMAR

CAN FOR POSSIBILITY

Complete the conversations with the correct form of *can* and the words in brackets.

- a) A: Excuse me, ¹ *can I buy* (I / buy) stamps here?
 B: Yes, ² _____ (you). But ³ _____ (you / not / send) your postcard, sorry. You need to go to the post office.
- b) A: ⁴ _____ (my son / play) tennis here?
 B: No, ⁵ _____ (he). But there's a sports centre in West Street – ⁶ _____ (he / play) there.
- c) A: Where ⁷ _____ (we / find) presents for our friends?
 B: ⁸ _____ (you / go) to that shop over there.
- d) A: ⁹ _____ (we / get) tickets here?
 B: Yes, ¹⁰ _____ (you).
 A: And ¹¹ _____ (we / pay) by credit card?
 B: No, sorry, ¹² _____ (you).

A Match the sentences with the pictures.

1 The cat is in front of the dog. a

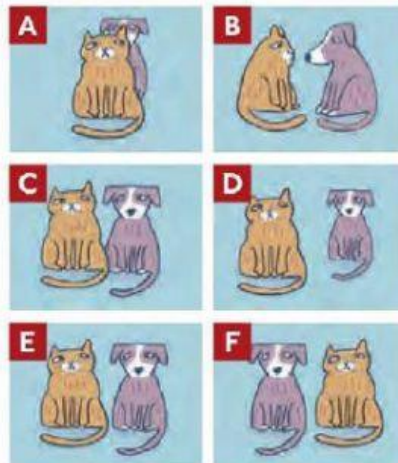
2 The cat is opposite the dog. ____

3 The cat is near the dog. ____

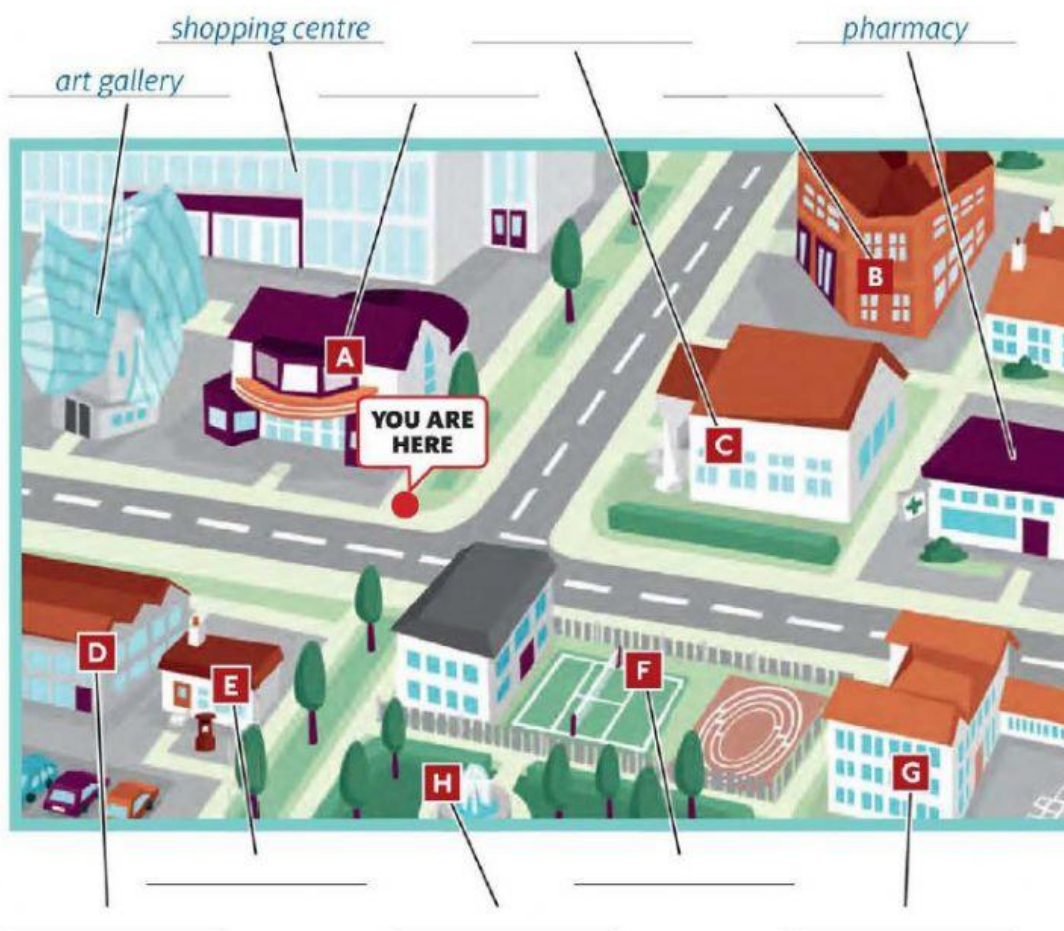
4 The cat is next to the dog. ____

5 The cat is on the left of the dog. ____

6 The cat is on the right of the dog. ____



B Look at the map and find the art gallery, the shopping centre and the pharmacy.



C 4.7 Find the 'You are here' sign on the map. Then listen and write the places on the map.