

CONVERSATION That's a thing of the past!

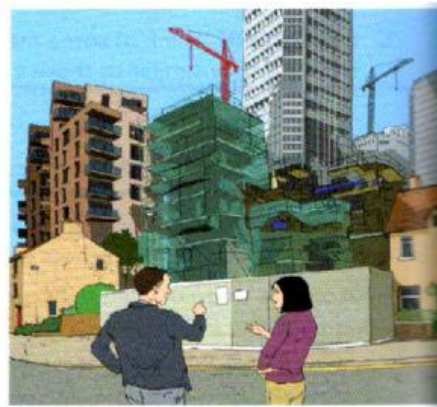
Look at the picture and answer these questions.

What buildings can you see?

How old are the people?

Why do you think they look surprised?

Tom and Mia are discussing how things have changed in the neighborhood where they grew up.



Have things changed a little or a lot?

Have things changed for the better or for the worse?

Complete the sentences.

In the past ...

1. There were houses.
2. There was a burger restaurant.
3. There was a high school.
4. People hung out with friends after school.

Now,

- They're...
It's an...
They're...
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A Listen and practice.

Tom: I hardly recognize our old neighborhood. A few years ago, there were just houses around here.

Mia: I know. They're building a lot of new apartments. The whole neighborhood's different.

Tom: Remember the little burger restaurant we used to go to after school, Hamburger Heaven?

Mia: Of course . . . Now it's another office tower. And I hear they're tearing down our high school. They're going to build a shopping mall.

Tom: That's such a shame. Pretty soon the neighborhood will just be a bunch of malls. And maybe there won't be any schools anymore.

Mia: Probably not. Kids will study from their computers anywhere they want.

Tom: So they won't hang out with their friends after school? That's too bad. I enjoyed meeting our friends at that burger place after class.

Mia: Seriously? That's a thing of the past! Nowadays, kids only meet online.

B Listen to the rest of the conversation. What else has changed in their neighborhood?