Putting words together... 16.3

- The centre of a town or city, where most of the shops and offices are, is the **town/city centre** (UK)/**town/city center** (US). A place with a lot of shops is **a shopping centre** (UK)/**a shopping center** (US).
- A **main road** is a big, important road, and in the UK, the large road in a town with the most shops is the **high street**.
- A large building with a lot of offices is **an office block** and a large building with a lot of apartments is **an apartment block**.
- The time in the morning and evening when a lot of people are coming to or leaving the town is the **rush hour**. We talk about **rush-hour traffic**.

Exercise 4

Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1 second floor of/I live on the/an apartment block
I live on the second floor of an apartment block.

2 centre during the rush hour/very bad in the city/traffic is always
_____

3 it's best to use/get across the main road/a pedestrian crossing to
_____

4 a new shopping centre in/the downtown area/they are building
_____

5 onto their balconies to/people came out/watch the carnival
_____

6 queue of rush-hour/the high street/traffic along/there was a
_____

UK/US

In UK English, the level of a building that is the same level as the ground outside is the **ground floor**. In US English, it is the **first floor**. In UK English, the next level up is the **first floor.** In US English, it is the **second floor**, etc.

Exercise 5 16.4

Use the sentences (a–f) to complete the dialogues. Listen and check.

Vicki: Do you live in a city, Jess?
Jess: 1 *b*
Vicki: What's your street like?
Jess: 2 ___
Vicki: Do you like living there?
Jess: 3 ___

_____

Max: Where do you work, Stefan?
Stefan: 4 ___
Max: Oh yes, I know where you mean. Which building is your office in?
Stefan: 5 ___
Max: Is it a good place to work?
Stefan: 6 ___

a Yes, I prefer it to the downtown areas because it's much less busy.
b I live on the edge of a city, in one of those large apartment blocks with balconies.
c It's not a main road, so it's quiet all the time, even during the rush hour.
d It's a modern building with a glass roof and a tall black fence at the front.
e In the city centre, on the fourth floor of those big office blocks on the main road in town.
f It's rather noisy because of all the traffic, but it's great to be near places like the shopping mall and the library.



Use the words you've learned...

Describe a place in a town or city that you know well.

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