

UNIT 2

PLACES AND BUILDINGS

A. VOCABULARY: DESCRIBING A TOWN / CITY

Exercise 1: Complete the sentences. Use the words in the box.

<i>crowded</i>	<i>fashionable</i>	<i>historic</i>	<i>leafy</i>	<i>modern</i>	<i>noisy</i>	<i>quiet</i>	<i>remote</i>
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1. A _____ part of town is full of people.
2. A _____ village is a long way from any towns or cities.
3. A _____ part of town is pleasant and has a lot of trees.
4. A _____ part of town is popular.
5. A _____ part of town doesn't have many people or cars.
6. A _____ street is very loud, so it might be difficult to sleep if you live there.
7. A _____ part of town is very new.
8. A _____ area of town is old and has important buildings in it.

Exercise 2: Complete the sentences. Use the words in the box.

<i>a village</i>	<i>the city center</i>	<i>the coast</i>	<i>the countryside</i>	<i>the outskirts of</i>
	<i>the seaside</i>	<i>the south of</i>	<i>the suburbs</i>	

1. I come from a tourist town by _____. Every summer the beach is full of visitors.
2. My house is in _____, so it's part of the city but away from the city center. Many of the people who work in the city live here.
3. We live on _____ the city – it takes just five minutes to walk from our house to the countryside.
4. I'd love to live in _____, away from all the noise and traffic of the city.
5. Our house is in _____ in the mountains. There are only about 30 houses and two shops.
6. The city where I was born is on _____. There are always a lot of ships from around the world in the port.
7. I live in _____, which is great. It means that I can walk to restaurants, cinemas and museums. But it does get very noisy here sometimes.
8. My town is in _____ my country, not far from the mountains.

Exercise 3: Choose the correct verbs to complete the text.

When I was a teenager, I didn't like living with my parents, so I left/moved/lived home when I was 20 years old.

At first, I rented/ bought/ borrowed a room in a flat – it wasn't my flat, so I had to pay money every month to live there. I didn't live there alone – I paid/lent/ shared the flat with three other people. It was horrible. The other people never cleaned the flat, and we had a lot of arguments. So I moved alone/out/in after a couple of weeks and caught/ stayed/gave with some friends for about a week. Then I moved in/on/across with my brother and his family. They help/owned/owed a big house in the suburbs. I lived with them for about six months, but then they left/moved/chose house and went to live in a different city. So I had to find a new place to live. In the end, I moved about/back/ between in with my parents. It's much nicer now than when I first lived here. But now I'm saving money to buy/become/earn a flat – hopefully I'll have enough money in a few years.

Exercise 4: Put the words in the correct categories.

leisure center	library	tower block	shopping center	retail park	cinema
museum	historic castle	theatre	department store	residential area	housing estate

places to live	places to buy things

places to relax and have fun	places to learn about your city's past

Exercise 5: Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

1. A cottage is a modern house in a city/a small house, usually in the countryside.
2. A neighborhood is a part of a town or city where people live/work.
3. A stream is a very small river/wide river.
4. A pond is an extremely small forest/lake.
5. A path is a narrow road for cars to drive along/people to walk along.
6. A town is bigger than a city/bigger than a village, but not as big as a city.
7. A hill is higher/lower than a mountain and easier to climb.
8. A wood is a group of trees/large lake.