

This LWS is a short guide on some London areas. It can be used independently or as an addition to the series based on the short story by Ian McEwan



East London

Known for its buzzing art scene, trendy hangouts and an overall up-and-coming vibe East London is home to some of the coolest neighborhoods in the city.

There's always things on in the area from bustling street markets to chic cocktail hours.

The first thing that comes to Londoners and tourists' minds alike when you say East London is — **Shoreditch**. The area is filled with

independent shops, thrift stores, pop-ups, and of course, the **Brick Lane**. You'll usually find young professionals here paving their way in the creative industry.



Find above:

places where people live in or frequently visit (n, pl) – _____

(of a person beginning a particular activity or occupation) making good progress and likely to become successful (-ing adj) – _____

a shop selling second-hand clothes and household goods, typically to raise funds for a Church or charity (n) _____

a shop or other business that opens quickly in a temporary location and is intended to operate for only a short period of time _____



Brick lane today is the heart of the country's Bangladeshi community with the vicinity known to some as Banglatown. It is famous for its many curry houses.

Weekends on Brick Lane are a full-on affair and not for *the faint-hearted* (or severely hangover). *Throngs* descend on the Brick Lane Market to *haggle* over one-of-a-kind clothing and eat at a food market which boasts more cuisines than you can shake a stick at, while a few *badass* buskers playing live music hold crowds in their thrall.



Look up in a dictionary the words highlighted above

West London



On the opposite end of the spectrum, we've got **West London**. Known for its beautiful houses, West London is the posh-de-le-posh of the capital, and there's always something to do here. From popping into the Natural History Museum to taking a stroll around London Mews here are the best neighborhoods in the area.

They became known as 'mews' after the Royal Mews, a gigantic stables on what is now Trafalgar Square. This curious word (technically, it is 'plural in form but singular in construction') derived from the original use of the stables building which was to house the king's falcons. Falcons moult or mew (from the French verb 'muer'), and the place where they did it was referred to as a mews. Most mews houses have stables and a coach house on the ground floor, the first floor having a hayloft and a couple of rooms where the coach driver and the ostlers could doss down (accommodation for servants in those days was basic to say the least).



Join the words and their meanings (in the context of the piece above):

stables

the upper part of a barn, used for storing hay

coach

one who takes care of horses or mules

ostler

a large usually closed four-wheeled horse-drawn
carriage having doors in the sides

hayloft

a building adapted for keeping horses

Fill the gaps with these words:

The clients' spaniel, Jake, lays claim to the best spot in the former _____ ,
which overlooks sweeping views of the surrounding countryside.

It is too late to lock the _____ door when the steed is stolen.

A red-nosed _____ took their horses.

On special occasions the queen rides in a gold _____ .

Kensington ranks as one of the most
desirable areas in London, and it's clear
why. The beautiful mews, royal heritage,
and luxury boutiques may catch your eye
(and wallet).

Notting Hill is a district of West London,
England, in the Royal Borough of Kensington
and Chelsea. Notting Hill is known for being
cosmopolitan and multicultural neighbourhood,



hosting the annual Notting Hill Carnival and Portobello Road Market. From around 1870, Notting Hill had an association with artists.



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NORTH LONDON

Known for its relaxed vibe and intellectual hub North London is home to a lot of politicians, actors, and academics alike. From **Regent's Park** to **Primrose Hill** and **Hampstead Heath** — North London has some of the best greenery in London, and museums.



It's hard to meet any London lover who hasn't heard about **Camden**. It's famous Camden Market and nightlife definitely make it the most trendy place to live in North London. You'll mostly find young professionals here — with a bunch of stylish apartments popping up every few months (or even weeks).



Another super picturesque London neighborhood **Hampstead** is home to the famous Hampstead Heath, a 790-acre park and home to tons of independent bookstores, old pubs, and local markets. Rent prices here tend to be quite steep — but the studio flats are reasonable (by London standards at least).

SOUTH LONDON

An area of London that doesn't always get the best rep, but South London is a great place to live if you want a local feel to London life. A mix of clubbing hotspots, village-escapes (and randomly home to a lot of Australians), here are the best neighborhoods in South London. The phrase "south London" refers to the area **south of the Thames**. It's a broad term and not always a precise one. It encompasses a wide variety of neighborhoods and geographies, from the South Bank with its big attractions to up-and-coming areas like **Deptford** that are popular with hipsters.



Greenwich is where hemispheres meet and is home to a World Heritage Site, The O2 entertainment venue, London's only cable car and London's oldest Royal Park.. An area of London that feels more like a town than a city, Greenwich is filled with green spaces, rich history, and a total-village vibe.

A beautiful hub of African and Caribbean culture **Brixton** still holds true to its roots of a vibrant London neighborhood with plenty to offer. From thriving Brixton market to some of the best live music in London — it's always a good time.



Now, do this multiple choice task

1. The first thing that comes to Londoners and tourists' minds alike when you say East London is

Quidditch

Shoreditch

Greenwich

2. A shop selling second-hand clothes and household goods, typically to raise funds for a Church or charity is called
a pop-up

an independent shop

a thrift shop

3. The heart of the English Bangladeshi community is:

Notting Hill

Brick Lane

Camden market

4. Who holds *crowds in their thrall* on the Brick Lane Market?

curry houses

clothes sellers

badass buskers

5. Natural History Museum is in

South London

West London

North London

6. Tap out the thing that one can't find in a mews:

a hayloft

a stable

terraced house

a coach house

7. Click on West London neighbourhoods and locations:

Kensington

Shoreditch

Brick Lane

Notting Hill

Portobello Road Market

Hampstead Heath

Camden Market

8. From around 1870, Notting Hill had an association with

robberies

artists

badass buskers

mews

9. North London has some of the best greenery in London, click on them:

Hampstead Heath

Regent's Park

Primrose Hill

Greenwich Park

Battersea Park

10. _____ and nightlife definitely make _____ the most trendy place to live in North London.

Notting Hill Carnival/Notting Hill

Camden Market/Camden

Hampstead Heath/Hampstead

11. Tap out all things that are true for South London:

The phrase “south London” refers to the area south of the Thames.

This part of the city doesn't always get the best rep

South London is home to a lot of politicians

London's only cable car is in this part of the city

South London is home for a lot of Australians

Camden Market and nightlife definitely make it the trendiest place to live in South London

Up-and-coming South London areas like Deptford are popular with hipsters

