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## My life would be great!

**SPEAKING**  
Describing places  
**GRAMMAR**  
Second conditional  
**LISTENING**  
Town hall meeting  
**READING**  
Intergenerational schools

### WARMUP

What do you like about your neighborhood?

### VOCABULARY

- 1** Look at the photos. What do you see? Write the correct letter. Then listen and check your answers.

- a. vehicle traffic      c. bike lanes      e. pedestrians  
b. art scene      d. nightlife      f. public transportation



- 2** The following affect where people choose to live. Which are important for each group? Complete the chart with phrases in the box. Add more words from the photos.

- crime rate      public parks      housing prices      shops and restaurants  
job opportunities      school system      cost of living      air quality

Single people in their 20s	Families with young children	Retired people

## VOCABULARY

### 1 Complete the conversations. Use the words in the box.

housing prices   job opportunities   ~~crime rate~~   public transportation   cost of living   air quality

1. A This apartment looks nice.  
B Yes, but the neighborhood is dangerous, and the crime rate is bad.
2. A The                                  was so much lower when I was a child.  
B I know. People could actually save money instead of borrowing it.
3. A Did you enjoy your trip?  
B Not really. There was a lot to see, but the                                  in the city is terrible because of the pollution from all the traffic.
4. A Let's look at the real estate ads while we're here.  
B Yeah. I want to know the                                  for the area next to the beach.
5. A Why did you move to this town?  
B I want to get around without a car, and the                                  here is great.
6. A Are you going to get a job after you finish school?  
B No, I'm going to do volunteer work for a year, and then I'll look for a job. I heard                                  will be better next year.

### 2 Match the housing ads (1-4) with the words (a-d) to complete the sentences.

2BR apartment near Main Street. On a quiet street, away from the rush hour                                 .

1BR apartment in a fun neighborhood that's great for young adults. Lots of things to do after dark. Near restaurants and                                 .

Small 3BR house in the suburbs. Famous for its great school system and newly-built                                 , it's the perfect place for families.

2BR apartment in a neighborhood full of creative energy near galleries and artist studios. Great for people who love an exciting                                 .

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