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## My life would be great!



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

### 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

### WARMUP

What do you like about your neighborhood?

## VOCABULARY

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

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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   

- a. nightlife
- b. vehicle traffic
- c. art scene
- d. bike lanes

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   .