# 8 How's the neighborhood?

- Ask about and describe places
- Describe a neighborhood

## 1 WORD POWER Places and activities

**A** Match the places and the definitions. Then ask and answer the questions with a partner.

| *What's a . . . ?* | *It's a place where you . . .* |
|---|---|
| **1.** clothing store _____ | **a.** get food and small items for the home |
| **2.** grocery store _____ | **b.** can connect to the Internet |
| **3.** hair salon _____ | **c.** get a haircut |
| **4.** laundromat _____ | **d.** buy newspapers and magazines |
| **5.** newsstand _____ | **e.** see a game or a concert |
| **6.** stadium _____ | **f.** find new fashions |
| **7.** Wi-Fi hot spot _____ | **g.** wash and dry your clothes |

**B** **PAIR WORK** Write definitions for these places.

**coffee shop** **drugstore** **gas station** **library** **post office**

*It's a place where you drink coffee and tea and eat small meals. (coffee shop)*

**C** **GROUP WORK** Read your definitions. Can your classmates guess the places?

## 2 CONVERSATION I just moved in.

Listen and practice.

**Greg** Excuse me! Hi, I'm your new neighbor, Greg. I just moved in.

**Mrs. Cook** Oh. Yes?

**Greg** I'm looking for a grocery store. Are there any around here?

**Mrs. Cook** Yes, there are some on Pine Street.

**Greg** Oh, good. And is there a laundromat near here?

**Mrs. Cook** Well, I think there's one across from the shopping center.

**Greg** Thank you.

**Mrs. Cook** By the way, there's a hair salon in the shopping center.

**Greg** A hair salon?



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# 3 GRAMMAR FOCUS

## *There is, there are; one, any, some*

**Is there** a laundromat near here?

Yes, **there is**. There's **one** across from the shopping center.

No, **there isn't**, but there's **one** next to the library.

**Are there any** grocery stores around here?

Yes, **there are**. There are **some** nice stores on Pine Street.

No, **there aren't**, but there are **some** on Third Avenue.

No, **there aren't any** around here.

**Prepositions**

in
on
next to
near/close to
across from/opposite
in front of
in back of/behind
between
on the corner of

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**A** Look at the map below. Write questions about these places.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| an ATM | coffee shops | a department store | an electronics store | Wi-Fi hot spots |
| gas stations | grocery stores | a gym | hotels | a post office |

Is there a gym around here?

Are there any restaurants on Main Street?

**B** **PAIR WORK** Ask and answer the questions you wrote in part A.

**A:** Is there a gym around here?

**B:** Yes, there is. There's one on Main Street next to the post office.



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## 4 PRONUNCIATION Reduction of *there is/there are*

A Listen and practice. Notice how *there is* and *there are* are reduced in conversation, except for short answers.

**Is there** a bank near here?
Yes, **there is**. **There's** one on First Avenue.

**Are there** any coffee shops around here?
Yes, **there are**. **There are** some on Pine Street.

B Practice the questions and answers in Exercise 3, part B again.

## 5 SPEAKING A nice neighborhood

A **PAIR WORK** Choose a neighborhood in your city or town. Fill in the chart with information about the neighborhood. Write three examples for each category. Go to Exercises 1 and 3 for ideas and use your own ideas, too.

| There is a/an . . . (where?) | There are some . . . (where?) |
|---|---|
| | |
| | |
| | |
| **There isn't a/an . . . (where?)** | **There aren't any . . . (where?)** |
| | |
| | |
| | |

B **GROUP WORK** Take turns asking and answering questions with another pair about the neighborhoods. If you don't know about a place your new partners ask about, answer, "Sorry, I don't know." Who gets more "Yes" answers?

**A:** Is there a gym in your neighborhood?
**B:** Yes, there's one across from the park.
**C:** Are there any coffee shops?
**D:** No, there aren't any in our neighborhood.
**B:** Is there a bookstore in your neighborhood?
**A:** Sorry, I don't know.

## 6 LISTENING We need some directions.

A Listen to hotel guests ask about places to visit. Complete the chart.

| Place | Location | Interesting? Yes | Interesting? No |
|---|---|---|---|
| Flavors of Hollywood | | ☐ | ☐ |
| Museum of Modern Art | | ☐ | ☐ |
| City Zoo | | ☐ | ☐ |

B **PAIR WORK** Which place sounds the most interesting to you? Why?



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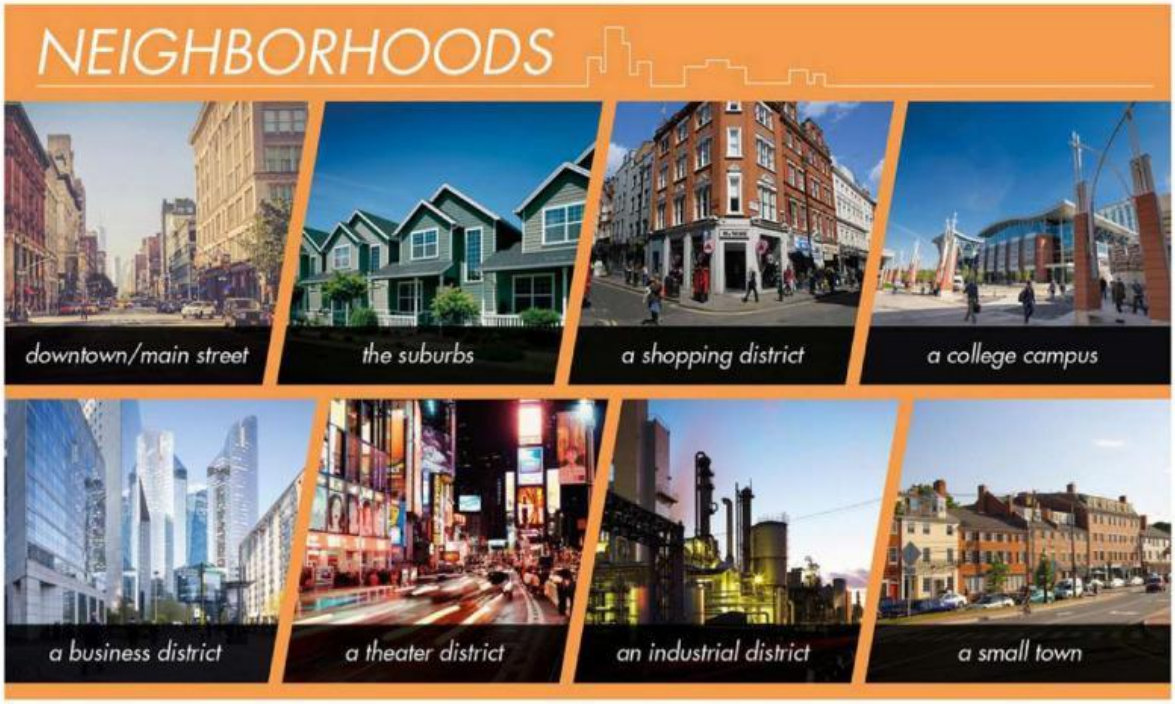
## 7 SNAPSHOT




*What types of businesses are or aren't found in these neighborhoods?*
*Which areas do you visit often? Which areas do you hardly ever visit? Why?*

## 8 CONVERSATION It's very convenient.

Listen and practice.

**BARRY** How do you like your new apartment, Alana?

**ALANA** I love it. It's downtown, so it's very convenient.

**BARRY** Downtown? Is there much traffic?

**ALANA** Yeah, there's a lot. But I don't drive, so it's OK.

**BARRY** Oh, that's right. Is there much crime in the area?

**ALANA** No, it's pretty safe. The difference is the noise.

**BARRY** Really? Is there a lot of noise?

**ALANA** There's a lot on the weekend from the Italian restaurant downstairs.

**BARRY** Oh, that's too bad. But is the food at the restaurant good?

**ALANA** It's incredible! Hey, would you like to have dinner there on Saturday?

**BARRY** Yes! I love Italian food.

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## 9 GRAMMAR FOCUS

### Quantifiers; *how many* and *how much*

| Count nouns | Noncount nouns |
|---|---|
| Are there **many restaurants**? | Is there **much crime**? |
| Yes, there are **a lot**. | Yes, there's **a lot**. |
| There are **a few**. | There's **a little**. |
| No, there are**n't many**. | No, there is**n't much**. |
| No, there are**n't any**. | No, there is**n't any**. |
| No, there are **none**. | No, there's **none**. |
| **How many** restaurants are there? | **How much** crime is there? |
| There are 10 or 12. | There's a lot of crime. |

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**A** Write answers to these questions about your neighborhood. Then practice with a partner.

1. Is there much parking?
2. Are there many apartment buildings?
3. How much traffic is there?
4. How many drugstores are there?
5. Is there much noise?
6. Are there many shopping malls?
7. Is there much pollution?
8. How many fast-food restaurants are there?

**B** **GROUP WORK** Write questions like those in part A about these topics. Then ask and answer the questions.

cafés crime parks trash public transportation schools traffic lights

## 10 INTERCHANGE 8 Where are we?

Play a guessing game. Go to Interchange 8 on page 122.

## 11 WRITING My neighborhood

**A** Read this paragraph Kate wrote about her neighborhood.

**B** Now write a paragraph about your neighborhood. Describe what type of neighborhood it is and what places are or aren't in your area.

**C** **PAIR WORK** Read your partner's paragraph. Ask follow-up questions to get more information.

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# 12 READING

A Scan the article. Check (✓) the neighborhood that is famous for nightlife.

☐ Roma Norte ☐ Shimokitazawa ☐ Pigneto

Locations Reservations Shop Sign in Register

## HIP NEIGHBORHOODS OF THE WORLD

### A Shimokitazawa, Tokyo

This is the place to be for fans of indie music! Head over to this creative neighborhood and discover record stores, concert halls, and theaters in the narrow streets. Shimokitazawa (or Shimokita, for short) is a relaxed place full of young people who visit the cafés and live music venues. Every year, there is a theater festival here. It's a very popular place for students.

### B Pigneto, Rome

La Sapienza, a famous college in Rome, is near this neighborhood. It's an extremely cool place to hang out. Pigneto has a huge choice of restaurants, cafés, and ice cream stores. Pigneto is famous for its nightlife. As you walk around, you hear electronic music coming from different clubs. People also come here for the Nuovo Cinema Aquila, the best place to see indie movies from around the world.

### C Roma Norte, Mexico City

This place is popular with artists, students, tourists, and musicians. Feeling hungry? Go to a huge food market, Mercado Roma, to taste delicious ceviche, squid torta, and other Mexican specialties. Next, check out the trendy restaurants for dinner, or shop for beautiful fashion items in the boutiques. There are hip T-shirts and sneakers for sale everywhere. There's locally made jewelry you can buy, too!

B Read the article. Then write the letter of the paragraph where these things are mentioned.

1. _____ local jewelry
2. _____ festivals
3. _____ indie movies
4. _____ record stores
5. _____ food specialties
6. _____ a college
7. _____ theaters
8. _____ ice cream

C **PAIR WORK** What's your favorite neighborhood in your city or country? What is interesting about it? What do you like to do there?



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