

How's the neighborhood?

1 Places

A Match the words in columns A and B. Write the names of the places.

A	B	
☒ coffee	☐ campus	1. <i>coffee shop</i>
☐ college	☒ shop	2.
☐ gas	☐ hotspot	3.
☐ grocery	☐ office	4.
☐ hair	☐ mall	5.
☐ movie	☐ salon	6.
☐ post	☐ station	7.
☐ shopping	☐ store	8.
☐ Wi-Fi	☐ theater	9.

B Write questions with *Is there a . . . ?* or *Are there any . . . ?* and the names of places from part A.

- A: I need a haircut. *Is there a hair salon* _____ near here?

B: Yes, there's one on Grand Street.
- A: I want to buy some new clothes. _____ near here?

B: No, there isn't, but there's one in Center City.
- A: I need to mail this package. _____ around here?

B: Yes, there's one next to the bank.
- A: I want to see a movie tonight. _____ around here?

B: Yes, there's one in the shopping mall.
- A: We need some gas. _____ on this street?

B: No, there aren't, but there are a couple on Second Avenue.
- A: We need to buy some cereal and some apples.
_____ near here?

B: Yes, there's one near the gym on Brown Street.

2 Look at these street maps of Springfield and Riverside. There are ten differences between them. Find the other eight.

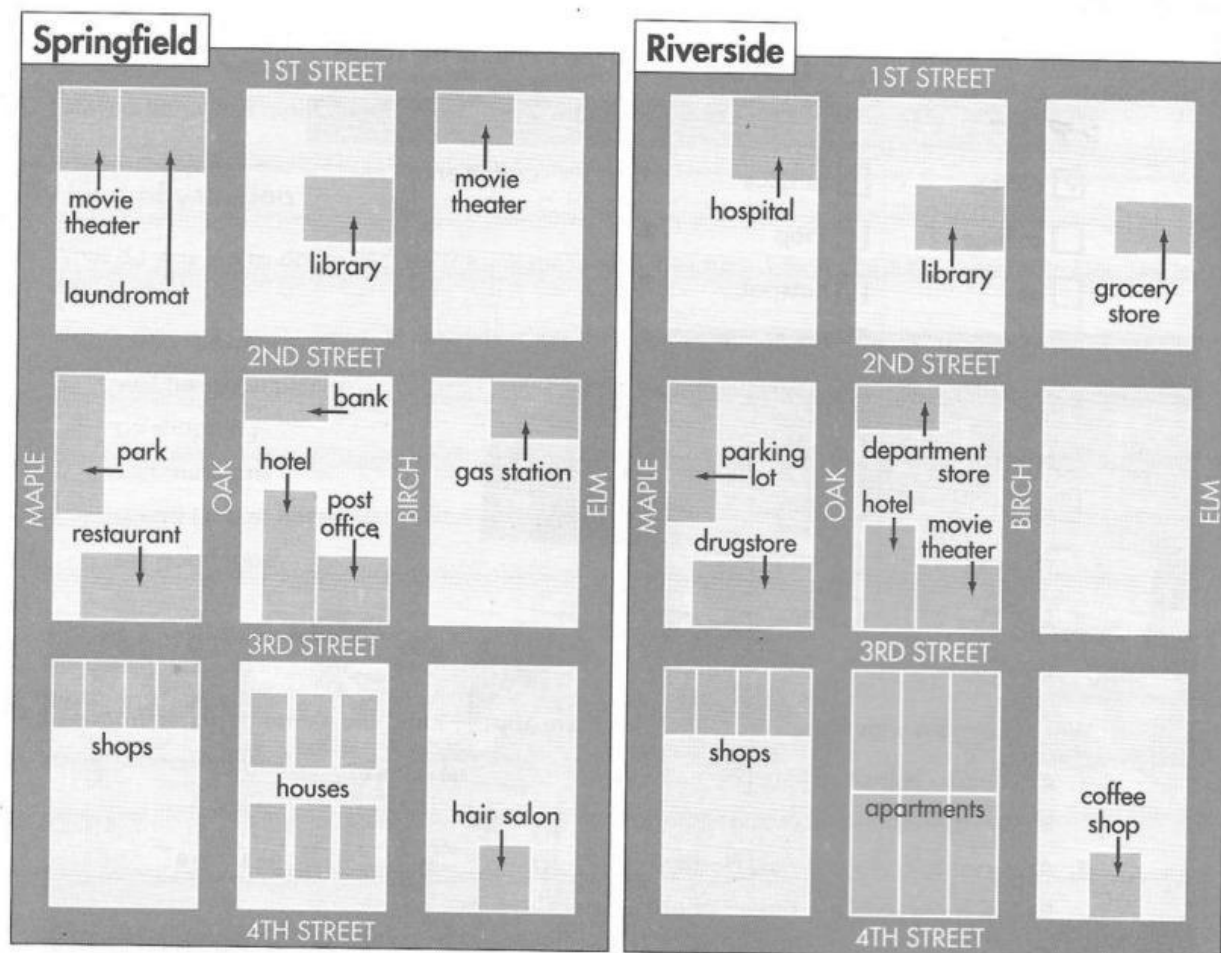
Grammar note: *There are; some and any*

Positive statement

There **are some** Wi-Fi hotspots near the bank.

Negative statement

There **aren't any** Wi-Fi hotspots near the bank.



1. There are some movie theaters on 1st Street in Springfield, but there aren't any in Riverside.
2. There's a park on the corner of 2nd Street and Maple in Springfield, but there isn't one in Riverside. There's a parking lot.
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

3 Answer these questions. Use the map and the prepositions in the box.

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|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| ☐ across from | ☐ between | ☐ in |
| ☐ near | ☒ next to | ☐ on the corner of |

1. Where's the nearest bank?

There's one next to the grocery store
on 1st Avenue.

2. Is there a post office near here?

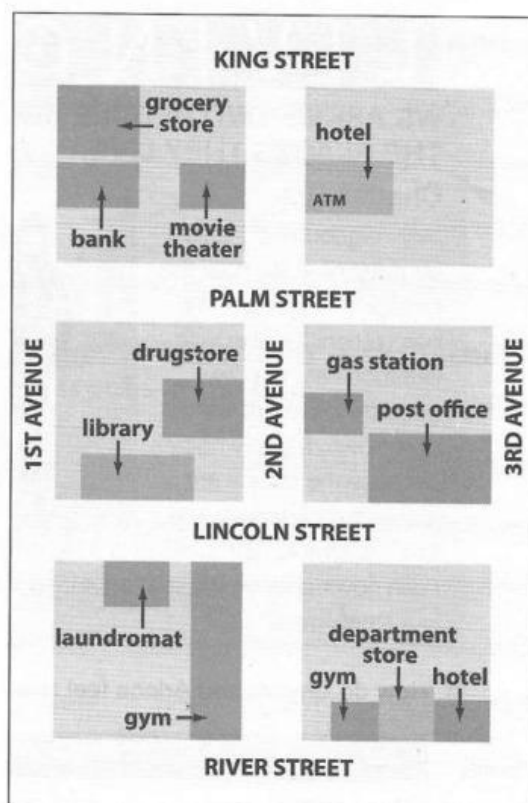
Yes. There

3. I'm looking for a drugstore.

4. Is there a laundromat in this neighborhood?

5. Is there a department store on River Street?

6. Are there any ATMs around here?



4 Answer these questions about your city or neighborhood. Use the expressions in the box and your own information.

Yes, there is. There's one on ...
No, there isn't.

Yes, there are. There are some on ...
No, there aren't.

- Are there any good coffee shops around the school? _____
- Is there a drugstore near the school? _____
- Are there any grocery stores in your neighborhood? _____
- Is there a laundromat close to your home? _____

5 The grass is always greener

A Read the interviews. Where would Charles like to live? Where would Arlene like to live?

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WE ASKED TWO PEOPLE ABOUT THE PLACES THEY LIVE.

Charles Bell

"My neighborhood is very convenient — it's near the shopping center and the bus station. It's also safe. But those are the only good things about living downtown. It's very noisy because the streets are always full of people! The traffic is terrible, and parking is a big problem! I can never park on my own street. I'd like to live in a small town."



Arlene Miller

"My family and I live in a nice small town. It has a great square where people meet for social events, and there's music on summer evenings. It's a safe place to raise children. But there is no privacy here. Everyone in town knows what you are doing all the time. And I don't meet as many interesting people as when I lived in the city. It can be too quiet here. I want more action! I think it's better downtown."



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 COMMENT

B How do Charles and Arlene feel about their neighborhoods? Complete the chart.

	Advantages	Disadvantages
Downtown	convenient	
Small Town		no privacy

C Do you think it's better to live downtown or in a small town? Why?

D How do you feel about the place you live? Write about it.

Count nouns		Noncount nouns	
bank		crime	

☐ a few ☐ a lot ☐ many
☐ none ☐ not any ☒ only a little

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|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. trash | How much trash is there? | There's only a little. |
| 2. buses | | |
| 3. traffic | | |
| 4. bicycles | | |
| 5. police officers | | |
| 6. crime | | |



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Choose the correct words or phrases to complete the conversation.



Andrea: Are there any (any / one / none) coffee shops around here, Carlos?

Carlos: Sure. There are _____ (any / one / a lot). There's a coffee shop _____ (across from / between / on) the Daily Market, but it's expensive.

Andrea: Well, are there _____ (any / none / one) others?

Carlos: Yeah, there are _____ (a few / a little / one). There's a nice _____ (any / one / some) near here. It's called Morning Joe.

Andrea: That's perfect! Where is it, exactly?

Carlos: It's on Third Avenue, _____ (between / on / on the corner of) the National Bank and the Chinese restaurant.

Andrea: So let's go!

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Choose the correct words or phrases.

- I'm going to the grocery store to get some _____.
(clothes / gas / food)
- We're taking a long drive. We need to stop at the _____.
(laundromat / gas station / drugstore)
- I live on the 8th floor of my _____.
(apartment building / neighborhood / theater)
- Our apartment is in the center of the city. We live _____.
(downtown / in the neighborhood / in the suburbs)