

COMMUNICATION

Everyday English

Asking for and giving directions

1 Listen and read the conversations.

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A: Excuse me. Could you tell me the way to the cinema, please?

B: Go along this street. It's on your left.

A: Excuse me. Where's the nearest post office, please?

B: Go out of the station. Take the first turning on the right.

2 Work in pairs. Make similar conversations to ask for and give directions to places near your school.

An audio guide to a place

3 Nick is listening to an audio guide to Hoi An. Listen and fill the blanks.

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CITY TOURS!

Let's start our tour in Hoi An. We are in Tran Phu Street now. First, go to Ong Pagoda. To get there, go (1) _____ along the street for five minutes. It's on your left. Next, go to the Museum of Sa Huynh Culture. Take the (2) _____ turning on your left. Turn (3) _____ and it's on your right. Finally, go to Hoa Nhap Workshop to buy some presents. Turn left and then right. It's (4) _____ Tan Ky House.

4 Look at the map below and create an audio guide for District 1 of Ho Chi Minh City.

Remember to:

- give directions to at least three different places;
- use *first*, *then*, *after that* and *finally* to link your directions.

Let's start our tour in Ho Chi Minh City. We are in Hai Ba Trung Street now. First, go to _____



5 Now present your audio guide to your class.



SKILLS 1

Reading

1 Read Khang's blog. Look at the words in the box, then find them in the text and underline them. What do they mean?

suburbs dislike outdoor

http://www.myblog.com.vn/Khang

KHANG'S BLOG

(Two images: a night view of a city skyline with a bridge over water, and a daytime view of a beach with a city skyline in the background.)

Friday, December 23rd ...

MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

I live in the suburbs of Da Nang City. There are many things I like about my neighbourhood.

It's great for outdoor activities because it has beautiful parks, sandy beaches and fine weather. There's almost everything I need here: shops, restaurants, and markets. The people here are friendlier, and the food is better than in other places.

However, there are two things I dislike about it: there are many modern buildings and offices; and the streets are busy and crowded.

Posted by Khang at 4:55 PM

2 Read Khang's blog again and fill the table with the information.

LIKES	DISLIKES
beautiful parks	

3 Read Khang's blog again. Then answer the questions.

- Where is Khang's neighbourhood?
- Why is his neighbourhood great for outdoor activities?
- What are the people in his neighbourhood like?
- How are the streets in his neighbourhood?

Speaking

4 Make notes about your neighbourhood. Think about what you like / dislike about it.

LIKES	DISLIKES
:	:
:	:

5 Work in pairs. Ask and answer about what you like and dislike about your neighbourhood.

Example:

A: Where do you live?

B: I live in the suburbs of Da Nang City.

A: What do you like about it?

B: The weather is fine. The people are friendly and the food is good.

A: What do you dislike about it?

B: The streets are busy and crowded.



SKILLS 2

Listening

1 Listen to the conversation between Khang and Vy and tick (✓) T (True) or F (False).

	T	F
1. Vy lives in the centre of Ho Chi Minh City.		
2. There is a big market near her house.		
3. The streets are narrow.		
4. The schools are faraway.		
5. There are some factories near her neighbourhood.		

2 Listen to the conversation again and fill the blanks.

What Vy likes
- many shops, restaurants, and (1) _____ in her neighbourhood
- (2) _____ streets
- helpful and (3) _____ people

What Vy dislikes
- too (4) _____ school
- dirty air
- noisy and (5) _____ streets



Writing

3 Tick (✓) what you like or dislike about a neighbourhood.

	Likes	Dislikes
1. sandy beaches	✓	
2. heavy traffic		
3. many modern buildings and offices		
4. peaceful streets		
5. good restaurants and cafés		
6. sunny weather		
7. helpful and friendly people		
8. many shops and markets		

4 Write a paragraph of about 50 words about your neighbourhood saying what you like and dislike about it. Use Khang's blog as a model.

I live in _____. There are many / some things I like about my neighbourhood.

However, there are some / many / one thing(s) I dislike about it.



LOOKING BACK

Vocabulary

1 Write the name for each picture.



1. _____



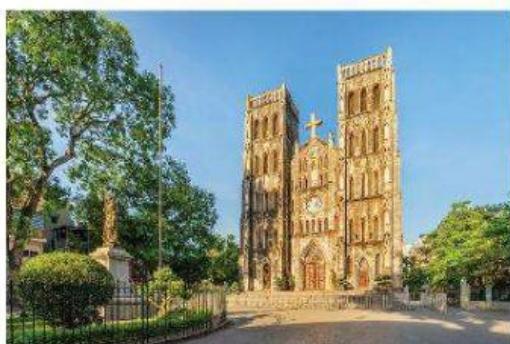
2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____

Grammar

2 Put the following adjectives in the correct column.

fast	noisy	expensive
heavy	large	beautiful
hot	quiet	exciting

One syllable	Two syllables	Three or more syllables

3 Now write their comparative forms in the table below.

Adjectives	Comparative form
fast	faster
beautiful	
noisy	
expensive	
hot	
exciting	
quiet	
heavy	
large	

4 Complete the sentences comparing the pictures. Use the comparative forms of the adjectives below.

expensive
noisymodern
peaceful

1. This street is _____ than that one.



2. A city house is _____ than a country house.



3. Things at a corner shop are _____ than things at a village market.



4. Life in the countryside is _____ than life in the city.