

4.2 AROUND TOWN

- G** can for possibility
- P** word stress; weak forms: *can/can't*
- V** places in towns; prepositions

READING

- 1 A** Work in pairs. Look at the photos and discuss. What are the places? Why are they unusual?
- B** Read the text and check your ideas.

around town

Walk through any town in the world and you usually find a post office, a supermarket, a school, a bank, a cinema, a library and so on. But these places are different.

A tourist in Vanuatu (2,000 kilometres east of Brisbane, Australia) can send a postcard from a very unusual place: an underwater post office! You buy your plastic postcard on the beach, write it, and then swim down to the post office. But check the opening times – the post office is only open for one hour a day!



You can borrow a book in Pakistan and return it in Canada – that's the idea of the Little Free Library (LFL). This LFL is in Lakki Marwat, Pakistan, but there are over 12,000 of these libraries all over the

world, in North and South America, Africa, Asia and Australia. They are usually simple, small wooden houses, big enough for twenty books, and the library is free for everyone.

The Sol Cinema is perhaps the smallest cinema in the world. It's often in South Wales, but it can travel anywhere. There's enough space for sixteen people, and they only show short films up to ten minutes long. When you go to see a film at Sol Cinema, you choose the type of film, get a ticket and a bag of popcorn, sit inside and enjoy the show. It's called Sol Cinema because it's solar powered.



C Work in pairs and match the sentences with the place. Write PO (post office), L (library) or C (cinema).

- 1 'They're plastic, not paper.' *PO*
- 2 'No, you don't pay. You can take one for free.'
- 3 'It's too long – the maximum is ten minutes.'
- 4 'Sorry, we're only open for a short time. You can send it tomorrow.'
- 5 'Twelve people? OK. Four more can come too.'
- 6 'There's one in your town. Take it back there.'

D Work in pairs and answer questions 1–6 below about Exercise 1C.

- 1 What is 'They' in number 1? *postcards*
- 2 What is 'one' in number 2?
- 3 What is 'It' in number 3?
- 4 What is 'it' in number 4?
- 5 What is 'one' in number 5?
- 6 What is 'it' in number 6?

E Discuss. Which place would you like to visit or use? Why?

VOCABULARY

PLACES IN TOWNS

2 A Work in pairs and look at the text again. How many words can you find for places in a town?

B Complete the sentences with the words in the box below.

an art gallery a post office a police station
a supermarket a theatre a sports centre
a pharmacy a library a museum a cinema

- 1 You can look at paintings at *an art gallery*.
- 2 You can send a letter at _____.
- 3 You can borrow a book from _____.
- 4 You can buy food at _____.
- 5 You can watch films at _____.
- 6 You can see plays at _____.
- 7 You can play tennis and football at _____.
- 8 You can look at old objects at _____.
- 9 You can find a police officer at _____.
- 10 You can buy medicine at _____.

C **4.4 WORD STRESS** Look at the place words in the box in Exercise 2B and underline the stressed syllables. Then listen and repeat.

D Look at the sentences in Exercise 2B again. Say which things you can do in your town/city.

GRAMMAR

CAN FOR POSSIBILITY

- 3 A** Look at the sentence and underline the correct alternative.

You can send a postcard. – It's *possible*/ *not possible* to send a postcard.

B Complete the sentences about the Little Free Library and the underwater post office. Use *can* or *can't*.

You	_____	find books and magazines to read.
	_____	send paper postcards.

C **4.5 WEAK FORMS: can/can't**

Listen and check. Then underline the correct alternatives below.

- In sentences, *can* is usually *stressed*/ *unstressed* and pronounced /kən/.
- In sentences, *can't* is usually *stressed*/ *unstressed* and pronounced /kɑ:nt/.

D **4.6** Listen and write positive (+), negative (-) or question (?) for each sentence.

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| 1 _____ | 4 _____ |
| 2 _____ | 5 _____ |
| 3 _____ | 6 _____ |

E Listen again and repeat the sentences.

- 4 A** Choose a place from the box in Exercise 2B. Write two sentences about what you can/can't do there.

Post office: You can buy stamps there. You can't play tennis there.

B Work in pairs and take turns. Student A: read your sentences. Student B: guess the place.

C Choose another place. Work with a new partner and take turns. Student A: ask questions with *Can you ... ?* and guess the place. Student B: answer.

A: Can you do exercise there?

B: No, you can't.

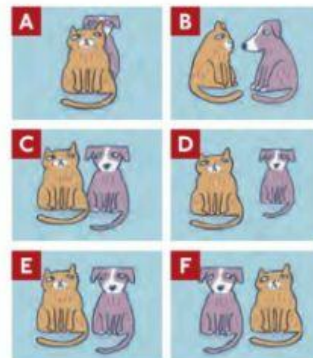
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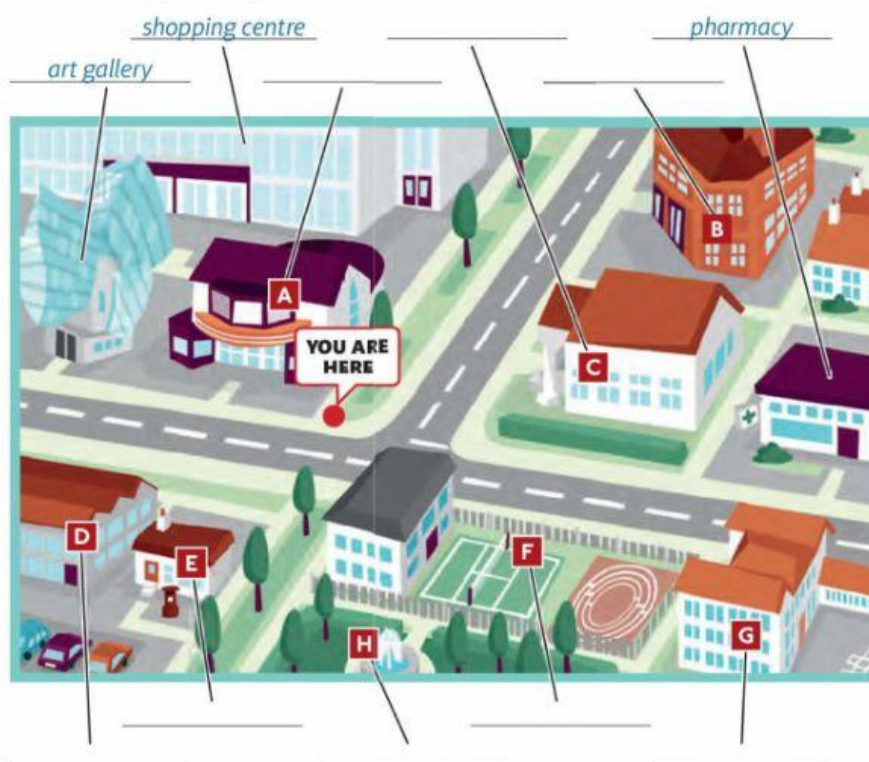
PREPOSITIONS

- 5 A** Match the sentences with the pictures.

- The cat is in front of the dog. a
- The cat is opposite the dog. _____
- The cat is near the dog. _____
- The cat is next to the dog. _____
- The cat is on the left of the dog. _____
- The cat is on the right of the dog. _____



B Look at the map and find the art gallery, the shopping centre and the pharmacy.



C **4.7** Find the 'You are here' sign on the map. Then listen and write the places on the map.

D Work in pairs. Student A: look at page 162. Student B: look at page 167.

SPEAKING

- 6 A** Think of a favourite place in your town/city. Make notes about where it is and what you can do there.

B Work in groups. Tell each other about the places. Which places would you like to visit?

There's a good cinema called the Rialto. It's in the main square opposite the metro, next to a big pizza restaurant. It's got six screens, and you can also have a coffee there.