

NAME: _____

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APARTMENTS and HOUSES

Question: Do you like the location of your home? Why? / Why not?



- Complete the paragraph on the right with the words on the left.



What Should We Do?

Dear Annie,

I read your newspaper advice column every week. You always give really good (1)_____ to people who need your help. Now, I have a problem, so I'm e-mailing you for advice.

My family and I live in a big, beautiful house in a great

(2)_____. It's located outside the city, in a

(3)_____. There is a large, spacious

(4)_____ with a nice (5)_____ of our

front yard. In our front yard, there is a garden and a tall pine

tree. There are also lots of trees in our (6)_____.

We really like our kitchen with its modern (7)_____s.

There are also four bedrooms: one master bedroom for my

husband and me, and three smaller (8)_____s for

our three kids. There is also a (9)_____ where we

can put things, like our bicycles. Unfortunately, I started a new

job last month, and now it takes me over 90 minutes to

(10)_____ to work. As well, my oldest daughter just

started college, and she also spends a lot of time on buses

every day. Annie, we love our (11)_____, but should

we move into a much smaller 3-bedroom apartment closer to

(12)_____ – to be closer to work and school?

~Sarah

(about 200 words)

A advice *n.*

appliance *n.*

B back yard *n.*

basement *n.*

bedroom *n.*

C commute *v.*

D downtown *n.*

H home *n.*

L living room *n.*

N neighborhood *n.*

S suburb *n.*

V view *n.*

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Should We Move Downtown?



Vocabulary Practice

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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|------------------|----------|---|
| 1. appliance | <u>H</u> | A. used to say that something bad or unlucky happened |
| 2. basement | _____ | B. having much space |
| 3. commute | _____ | C. the part of the building that is below ground |
| 4. downtown | _____ | D. the part of a city with tall buildings, stores, and offices |
| 5. spacious | _____ | E. the things that can be seen from a certain place |
| 6. suburb | _____ | F. an area where people live in houses near a larger city |
| 7. unfortunately | _____ | G. to travel regularly to and from work |
| 8. view | _____ | H. a machine like a stove or refrigerator that uses electricity |

How Much Do You Understand?

- Write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.

1. F In the paragraph, Sarah says she doesn't like her home so she wants to move.
2. _____ She is e-mailing her friend for advice.
3. _____ She lives in a suburb.
4. _____ There are lots of trees in her front yard.
5. _____ It takes her a long time to get to work.
6. _____ Her oldest daughter has finished high school.

Discuss

- Ask and answer the following questions with your classmates.

1. Where do you live? Do you like the location? Why? / Why not?
2. What Sarah and her family should do? Should they move to a smaller apartment to be closer to work and her daughter's college? Why? / Why not?
3. What does your apartment or house look like? Can you describe it?