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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?