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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)

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## Should We Move Downtown?



### Vocabulary Practice

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

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.

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

### Discuss

- Ask and answer the following questions with your classmates.

- Where do you live? Do you like the location? Why? / Why not?
- 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?
- What does your apartment or house look like? Can you describe it?