

# UNIT 7: ON THE MOVE

## 1. WHAT WOULD YOU TAKE A VISITOR TO YOUR HOMETOWN TO SEE?

bustling place    cultural experience    hustle and bustle    insight into    steeped in

If I had the chance to show a visitor around my hometown [NAME], I would definitely take them to the **local floating market**, which is a unique (1) \_\_\_\_\_. It's a vibrant, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ where vendors sell fresh produce and street food directly from their boats. Not only is it a great photo opportunity, but it also **gives** (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the traditional way of life that still thrives in the area. I'd also take them to see some of the beautiful old pagodas and temples, which are (4) \_\_\_\_\_ **history** and offer a **peaceful escape** from the city's (5) \_\_\_\_\_.

breathing snapshot    circle overhead    coastal heritage    come and go  
freshly grilled    heart and soul    mixes with    unloading their catch

If I were hosting someone in my hometown [NAME], I would definitely take them to the **old fishing harbor**, which is the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of the community. It's not just a place where boats (2) \_\_\_\_\_ — it's a living, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of our (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Early in the morning, you can watch fishermen (5) \_\_\_\_\_ while the gulls (6) \_\_\_\_\_, and the smell of the sea (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the aroma of (8) \_\_\_\_\_ seafood from the nearby market stalls.

at dawn    brimming    family-run    heartbeat  
never fails    thick with    unloading    witnessed

If a friend visited my hometown, the first place I'd take them would be the bustling fishing harbor (1) \_\_\_\_\_. It's the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of our community, where the air is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the scent of the sea and fishermen are (4) \_\_\_\_\_ **their catch** straight from the boats. You can see baskets (5) \_\_\_\_\_ with glistening fish, and vendors calling out prices as the day's trade begins. From there, I'd guide them to the old quarter, with its narrow lanes, traditional architecture, and (6) \_\_\_\_\_ **eateries** that have been serving the same recipes for generations. By the end of the day, I'd make sure they (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the sunset from the coastal cliffs — it's a view that (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to leave people speechless.

## 2. WHICH BEST DESCRIBES THE PLACE WHERE YOU LIVE?

### A – Coastal

at dawn    ever-present    in shades of    peaks in summer    sense of calm

I live in a **picturesque coastal town**, where the sea is an (1) \_\_\_\_\_ **backdrop to daily life**. From my apartment, I can see fishing boats **dotting the horizon** (2) \_\_\_\_\_, and in the evenings, the sunsets paint the water (3) \_\_\_\_\_ gold and crimson. The salty breeze carries a (4) \_\_\_\_\_, and the **rhythmic sound** of the waves is almost **therapeutic**. Beyond its beauty, the coast **shapes our lifestyle** — fresh seafood is a **staple**, outdoor activities revolve around the beach, and tourism (5) \_\_\_\_\_, bringing a vibrant yet **temporary buzz** to the community.

## B – Mountainous

blanketed in snow  
far and wide

closer connection  
nestle against hillsides

crisp and clean  
unveiling itself

dominate the skyline  
wind steeply

I live in a **mountainous region**, where towering peaks (1) \_\_\_\_\_ and the air feels noticeably (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Each season transforms the landscape — in winter, the slopes are (3) \_\_\_\_\_, drawing skiers and snowboarders **from** (4) \_\_\_\_\_, while summer reveals lush green trails perfect for hiking. Life here is shaped by the terrain: roads (5) \_\_\_\_\_ between valleys, small villages (6) \_\_\_\_\_, and people tend to have a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ **with nature**. There's a certain serenity in waking up to mist **rolling over** the mountains, as if the world is **slowly** (8) \_\_\_\_\_ each morning.

## C – Rural

clusters of

filled with

make up for

star-filled

strong sense

surrounded by

I live in a **rural area**, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ open fields, winding dirt roads, and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ traditional houses. Life here moves at a slower pace — people know each other by name, and there's a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of community. The mornings are (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the sound of roosters crowing and the scent of fresh earth after the dew settles. While we don't have the conveniences of a big city, we (5) \_\_\_\_\_ it with clean air, fresh produce from local farms, and (6) \_\_\_\_\_ night skies that feel almost magical. It's a lifestyle that keeps you grounded and close to nature.

## D – Urban

densely populated

fast-paced

infrastructure

pockets of

scattered throughout

I live in an **urban area**, which is quite (1) \_\_\_\_\_ and **filled with** modern (2) \_\_\_\_\_ such as shopping malls, restaurants, and public transport systems. Despite being a busy city, there are still (3) \_\_\_\_\_ **green space** and cultural heritage (4) \_\_\_\_\_, which **add to its charm**. Life here is (5) \_\_\_\_\_, and there's always something going on, whether it's a local festival, a night market, or a music event.

blends seamlessly

dominate the roads

character

full of

packed with

street markets

urban hub

under construction

Saigon is a major (1) \_\_\_\_\_ — the largest and most dynamic city in Vietnam. It's a place where **traditional culture** (2) \_\_\_\_\_ with **modern development**. The city is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ **towering skyscrapers**, shopping centers, and entertainment venues, but it also has historic French colonial buildings and vibrant (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Public transport is improving, especially with the new **metro lines** (5) \_\_\_\_\_, but motorbikes still (6) \_\_\_\_\_. Life here is fast-paced, energetic, and (7) \_\_\_\_\_ opportunities. There's always something happening — from rooftop bar events to local street food tours. Despite the noise and traffic, I find the city incredibly inspiring and full of (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

## WORD BANK:

### 1. Places & Geography

- **picturesque** – visually attractive, like a painting
  - **coastal** – related to the sea or shoreline
  - **mountainous** – having many mountains
  - **region** – a specific area of land
  - **skyline** – the outline of buildings or mountains against the sky
  - **valley** – low land between hills or mountains
  - **rural** – related to the countryside
  - **urban** – related to a city or town
  - **infrastructure** – basic facilities like roads, transport, and buildings
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### 2. Nature & Environment

- **horizon** – the line where the sky meets the land or sea
  - **salty breeze** – wind carrying the smell and feel of the sea
  - **crisp** (air) – fresh, cool, and clean
  - **lush** – rich and full of healthy growth (plants, vegetation)
  - **mist** – thin fog
  - **blanketed** – covered completely (often with snow)
  - **star-filled night skies** – skies full of visible stars
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### 3. Lifestyle & Culture

- **cultural experience** – an activity that shows traditions and customs
  - **vibrant** – full of energy and life
  - **bustling** – full of movement and noise
  - **staple** – a main or important food/product
  - **temporary buzz** – short-lived excitement or activity
  - **serenity** – calmness and peace
  - **heritage** – traditions and history passed down
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### 4. Movement & Action

- **dotting** (the horizon) – appearing here and there
  - **paint** (the water in shades) – to colour or cover in appearance
  - **unveil** – to reveal or show
  - **nestle** – to be positioned comfortably or snugly
  - **wind** (steeply) – to curve or bend around
  - **thrive** – to grow or develop successfully
  - **(fishermen) UNLOAD their CATCH** - Fishermen taking the fish from the boat to the dock or market
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### 5. Descriptive Expressions

- **ever-present** – always there
- **therapeutic** – healing or calming
- **fast-paced** – happening quickly, busy
- **pockets of green space** – small natural areas within a city
- **steeped in history** – having a lot of historical significance
- **grounded** – having a strong connection to reality or nature