

How's the neighborhood? - Homework

5. The grass is always greener

A. Read the interviews. Where would Charles like to live? Where would Arlene like to live?

MODERN LIVING

WE ASKED TWO PEOPLE ABOUT
THE PLACES THEY LIVE.

Charles Bell

"My neighborhood is very convenient — it's near the shopping center and the bus station. It's also safe. But those are the only good things about living downtown. It's very noisy because the streets are always full of people! The traffic is terrible, and parking is a big problem! I can never park on my own street. I'd like to live in a small town."



Arlene Miller

"My family and I live in a nice small town. It has a great square where people meet for social events, and there's music on summer evenings. It's a safe place to raise children. But there is no privacy here. Everyone in town knows what you are doing all the time. And I don't meet as many interesting people as when I lived in the city. It can be too quiet here. I want more action! I think it's better downtown."



LIKE



COMMENT

B. How do Charles and Arlene feel about their neighborhoods? Complete the chart.

	Advantages	Disadvantages
Downtown	convenient	
Small Town		no privacy

C. Do you think it's better to live downtown or in a small town? Why?

D. How do you feel about the place you live? Write about it.

6. Complete the chart. Use words from the box.

☒ bank	☐ library	☐ people	☐ theater
☒ crime	☐ noise	☐ pollution	☐ traffic
☐ hospital	☐ parking	☐ school	☐ water

Count nouns	
bank	

Noncount nouns	
crime	

7. Write questions using *How much...?* or *How many...?* Then look at the picture and write answers to the questions. Use the expressions in the box.

☐ a few

☐ a lot

☐ many

☐ none

☐ not any

☒ only a little

1. trash

2. buses

3. traffic

4. bicycles

5. police officers

6. crime

How much trash is there?

There's only a little



8. Choose the correct words or phrases to complete the conversation.

Andrea: Are there any (any/one/none) coffee shops around here, Carlos?

Carlos: Sure. There are _____ (any/one/a lot).
There's a coffee shop _____ (across from/between/on) the Daily Market, but it's expensive.

Andrea: Well, are there _____ (any/none/one) others?

Carlos: Yeah, there are _____ (a few/a little/one).
a nice _____ (any/one/some) near here. It's called Morning Joe.

Andrea: That's perfect! Where is it, exactly?

Carlos: It's on Third Avenue, _____
(between/on/on the corner of) the National Bank and the Chinese restaurant.

Andrea: So let's go!

9. Choose the correct words or phrases.

1. I'm going to the grocery store to get some

_____.
(clothes/gas/food)

2. We're taking a long drive. We need to stop at the

_____.
(laundromat/gas station/drugstore)

3. I live on the 8th floor of my _____.
(apartment building/neighborhood/theater)

4. Our apartment is in the center of the city. We live

_____.
(downtown/in the neighborhood/in the suburbs)