

UNIT 4: MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

F. READING

I. Read the passage carefully. True or False? Check (✓). Then correct the false sentences and write them in your exercise book.

A new shopping mall is opening in Nam's neighborhood today. It is very different from the present shopping area. All the shops are under one roof. That will be very convenient, especially during the hot and humid summer months. Customers will shop in comfort and won't notice the weather.

Some people in the neighborhood, however, are not happy about the changes. The owners of the small stores on Tran Phu Street think the mall will take their business. Some of the goods in the new stores will be the same as the ones in the small shops, but the stores in the mall will offer a wider selection of products, some at cheaper prices.

The residents and store owners have been concerned about the new mall for a few months. They have organized a community meeting in order to discuss the situation.

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1. The mall is open six days a week.		
2. There are more than 50 stores in the mall.		
3. Everyone in the neighborhood is pleased with the new mall.		
4. It will be more comfortable to shop in the mall than in the present shopping area.		
5. Some of the stores on Tran Phu Street may have to close.		

II. Read and complete the text with available words.

jobs	historical	center	education
universities	modern	capital	landscapes

I live in a large city in the (1) _____ of Columbia. It is called Santa Fe de Bogota and is the (2) _____ of Columbia. It is a large and populous city. The city is surrounded by high mountains, rivers, and amazing (3) _____.

The city centre is expensive and noisy. It is also dangerous at night. People are always running and rushing for their (4) _____, schools and other work. Traffic is awful too. Therefore I do not like this area too much. My city also has many great (5) _____, as well as some important libraries. Many people travel to this city for its growing (6) _____.

In addition, there are about 160 shopping malls. Some most famous malls are: Centro Andino, Santafé and Centro Mayor. If you like quiet space, you can visit the (7) _____ area. There are interesting places that are full of history and culture such as La Casa de la Moneda, the elegant and big Colon Theater. If you prefer (8) _____ places, you can go and drink a cup of coffee at the modern Hard Rock Café in Atlantis Plaza mall.

III. Read the text in exercise II again and answer the questions.

1. In what country does Santa Fe de Bogota belong to?

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2. What is the city surrounded by?

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3. What's the city centre like?

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4. What are people always running for?

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5. What is the education in the city like?

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6. How many shopping malls are there?

IV. Read the following text and decide which answer best fits each numbered blank.

Does your neighbor have an (1) _____ lawn, shutters with peeling paint, or siding that needs (2) _____. power washed? You might assume that they're (3) _____, but there might be a bigger problem that you're not aware (4) _____.

The family may be dealing with (5) _____, or their lawnmower broke down and they can't afford a new one. Offer to help with whatever the problem is in a (6) _____, non condemning manner. Perhaps you can move their lawn (7) _____ them or offer your power sprayer if they don't have one. This lets them know you care about the (8) _____ of the neighborhood, and you're on their side.

If they get upset about your kindness, that becomes their problem, not yours.

1. A. overgrow B. overgrows C. overgrew D. overgrown

2. A. to be B. be C. being D. been

