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UNIT 8

The World in One Neighborhood

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1 The sidewalks are crowded with people chatting in Cantonese. An Indian man sells spices from his corner shop. Brazilian music plays loudly from a café. Is it China? India? Brazil? No, it's Kensington Market, a neighborhood in Toronto, Canada. Kensington Market was once an Eastern European and Italian neighborhood, but the area changed along with its residents. First came the Portuguese, then East Asians, then people from Iran, Vietnam, Sudan, Brazil, the Caribbean, and the Middle East.

2 Today, the neighborhood is truly multicultural – you can hear more than 100 languages on its streets. New residents bring many new traditions. "What's really cool about Kensington is that as soon as you're in it, you feel as though you're not in Toronto anymore," says one resident. "I think what makes Kensington Market unique is that it's always changing," says another.

3 It isn't surprising that the area in and around Kensington Market is becoming a popular place to live. The rents are reasonable, the neighborhood is exciting, and it has good public transportation. There are apartments of every size and for every budget. It has inexpensive stores, fun cafés, fresh fruit and vegetable markets, and restaurants with almost every type of cuisine. As one resident says, "This place is the heart of Toronto."

A Read the article. Then write the number of each paragraph next to its main idea.

..... The residents and their traditions make Kensington Market a multicultural neighborhood.
..... People from all over the world live in Kensington Market.
..... The neighborhood has many good characteristics.

B Check (✓) the things you can find in Kensington Market.

☐ inexpensive stores	☐ beautiful beaches	☐ many different cultures
☐ big apartments	☐ great markets	☐ interesting old buildings
☐ good schools	☐ good restaurants	☐ good public transportation

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