

Putting words together...



- ▶ The centre of a town or city, where most of the shops and offices are, is the **town/city centre** (UK)/**town/city center** (US). A place with a lot of shops is a **shopping centre** (UK)/**a shopping center** (US).
- ▶ A **main road** is a big, important road, and in the UK, the large road in a town with the most shops is the **high street**.

- ▶ A large building with a lot of offices is an **office block** and a large building with a lot of apartments is an **apartment block**.
- ▶ The time in the morning and evening when a lot of people are coming to or leaving the town is the **rush hour**. We talk about **rush-hour traffic**.

Exercise 4

Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- second floor of/I live on the/an apartment block
I live on the second floor of an apartment block.
- centre during the rush hour/very bad in the city/
traffic is always

- it's best to use/get across the main road/
a pedestrian crossing to

- a new shopping centre in/the downtown area/
they are building

- onto their balconies to/people came out/
watch the carnival

- queue of rush-hour/the high street/traffic along/
there was a

UK/US

In UK English, the level of a building that is the same level as the ground outside is the **ground floor**. In US English, it is the **first floor**. In UK English, the next level up is the **first floor**. In US English, it is the **second floor**, etc.

Exercise 5

Use the sentences (a–f) to complete the dialogues. Listen and check.

Vicki: Do you live in a city, Jess?

Jess: ¹ b

Vicki: What's your street like?

Jess: ² _____

Vicki: Do you like living there?

Jess: ³ _____

Max: Where do you work, Stefan?

Stefan: ⁴ _____

Max: Oh yes, I know where you mean. Which building is your office in?

Stefan: ⁵ _____

Max: Is it a good place to work?

Stefan: ⁶ _____

- Yes, I prefer it to the downtown areas because it's much less busy.
- I live on the edge of a city, in one of those large apartment blocks with balconies.
- It's not a main road, so it's quiet all the time, even during the rush hour.
- It's a modern building with a glass roof and a tall black fence at the front.
- In the city centre, on the fourth floor of those big office blocks on the main road in town.
- It's rather noisy because of all the traffic, but it's great to be near places like the shopping mall and the library.

Use the words you've learned...

Describe a place in a town or city that you know well.

