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## Overview

Watch the video podcast. Is your house similar/different to the houses they talk about?

1 Read the text about Hina. Then watch the video podcast from 0:12 – 0:21 and complete the text.



Hina <sup>1</sup> lives in Covent Garden, a busy and <sup>2</sup> an exciting part of London.  
Her flat is <sup>3</sup> small but she likes <sup>4</sup> living there because it's  
near <sup>5</sup> the river and there are lots of <sup>6</sup> shops and cafés.

2 Look at the people below and read the phrases they use about where they live. Then watch the video podcast from 0:22-3:00 and match phrases 1-8 to A-D.



- 1 ... In Notting Hill  
2 ... in East London  
3 ... Bloomsbury in central London  
4 ... with four other people

- B 5 ... only have one neighbour  
A 6 ... French restaurants  
D 7 ... many underground stations  
C 8 ... it's always busy

- B  
C  
D  
A

3 Do they live in a house or a flat? Watch the video podcast from 0:54-1:24 and tick (✓) the phrases you hear. There is one extra phrase.

a house, three bedrooms ✓	a one-bedroom flat ✓	a white house ✓
a modern space ✓	one bedroom ✓	a house with a balcony ✗
		a four bedroom house ✓

4 What do they like about where they live? Look at the people below and read their answers. Then watch the video podcast from 1:28-2:24 and number the answers in the order you hear them, 1-5.



You can see all the other houses, and the trees.

3

We've got a garden and we have barbecues there.

1

Everyone says 'hello' in the morning and 'good evening' in the afternoon.

5

I feel comfortable walking home at twelve, one o'clock in the morning

2

It's easy to get about because there are many underground stations and it's very friendly.

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**5** What don't the people like about where they live? Read the extracts and check new words in a dictionary. Then watch the video podcast from 2:25-3:00 and write in the missing words. Watch the podcast again to check your answers.

It takes me fifty minutes to get to work. **1**

It's quite noisy on the streets. **2**

Sometimes, because it's in the middle of a city, it can be very dusty and polluted. **3**

There's isn't actually anything I don't like about it. I really like it there. **4**

It's quite crowded and there's quite a lot of rubbish on the streets. **5**

### The way we speak

**6** The people below talk about places in their towns. Read the extracts and watch the video podcast from 1:28-2:24. Delete the incorrect words.



We have <sup>1</sup>parks / ~~post-offices~~, we have some restaurants – French restaurants, Italian restaurants. We have a local <sup>2</sup>~~cinema~~ / church.



I'm close to the <sup>3</sup>~~theatres~~ / museums, universities, teaching <sup>4</sup>~~schools~~ / hospitals. It's easy to get about because there are many underground <sup>5</sup>~~supermarkets~~ / stations and it's very friendly.

**7** Write your answers to Hina's questions.

- 1 Where do you live?  
I live in Grodno.
- 2 Do you live in a house or a flat?  
I live in a flat, a four-bedroom flat.
- 3 What do you like about where you live?  
I like looking out on the windows because wonderful trees outside.
- 4 What don't you like about where you live?  
I don't like cleaning my flat because I've got the big hairy dog :)

### FUN FACTS

The smallest house in Britain is two metres wide and three metres high. It is four hundred years old. Find out more at the BBC link below.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/wales/754040.stm>