

Hometown & Neighbourhood



Key Vocabulary

- ☐ born and raised/bred in
- ☐ located/situated
- ☐ in the southern/northern part
- ☐ coastal city <> commercial center
- ☐ small country town <> bustling metropolis/metropolitan city/metropolis/sprawling city
- ☐ suburbs/residential areas/outskirts <> city center/inner city multicultural city/culturally diverse/cosmopolitan city
- ☐ middle-class/working class <> affluent
- ☐ famous for/reknown for
- + good atmosphere
- + colourful/vibrant city
- + well-developed/good infrastructure
- + good amenities/facilities/sports facilities
- + parks/gardens
- + lively markets/bars/restaurants
- + great nightlife/entertainment
- + nice sense of community/friendly neighbours
- air pollution/vehicle emissions
- traffic congestion/gridlock traffic at rush hour (traffic stops moving)
- densely populated/overcrowded

Vocabulary Builder

A. Match the words to a synonym, antonym, or idiom.

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| 1. colourful | middle-class |
| 2. famous for | sprawling city |
| 3. suburbs | overcrowded |
| 4. affluent | vibrant |
| 5. small country town | gridlock |
| 6. air pollution | renown for |
| 7. metropolis | vehicle emissions |
| 8. densely populated | bustling metropolis |
| 9. nightlife | inner city |
| 10. traffic congestion | entertainment |

B. Circle the odd word/s out

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|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1. suburbs | residential area | inner city |
| 2. colourful | overcrowded | vibrant |
| 3. parks | outskirts | sports facilities |
| 4. metropolis | sprawling city | small country town |
| 5. northern part | located | coastal city |
| 6. amenities | equipment | facilities |
| 7. parks | gardens | yard |
| 8. markets | bars | restaurants |
| 9. sense of community | great nightlife | friendly neighbours |
| 10. traffic congestion | air pollution | gridlock |

C. Fill in the gaps with the correct word from the **key vocabulary above**, circle the correct word in **bold**, and then answer the questions, using the structure provided but with information that is true for you.

1. Where is your hometown?

It's _____ in the _____ part of the country **in/on** the coast, and we live **in/on** the _____ on the outskirts of the town.
(short answer + explanation)

3. Has it changed much since you were a child?

The most noticeable difference is the amount of traffic, which causes a lot of _____ and _____ during the rush hours.
(main difference + explanation)

D. Fill in the gaps with the correct **form** of the word in brackets, and then answer the questions, using the structure provided but with information that is true for you.

1. Can you tell me about your hometown?

Sure, I was born and _____ (breed) in Manila, and one of the most _____ (note) things about it would have to be the traffic _____ (congest), which is often in a state of gridlock during the rush hours.
(short answer + most notable thing)

2. What is the area like that you live in?

Probably the best way to describe it is _____ (suburb) middle-class, and even though it's not far from the city center, it's quite undeveloped in terms of modern _____ (architect) and facilities. It's essentially a _____ (resident) working-class area.

(“The best way to describe/characterize it” + answer + reason)

3. What don't you like about the area you live in?

What's not really great is the level of air _____ (pollute) and traffic _____ (congest), particularly around the rush hour periods, since the city lacks a decent public transport system as in a subway.

(short answer + explanation)

4. What do you like most about living there?

While it can be a tad _____ (bore) given it is such a small rural town, there are many great things _____ (go) for it, such as its proximity to the beach, which is only a stone's throw away, and Black Mountain, which is a _____ (wonder) get away for picnics and barbeques.

(contrast two answers + reason + explanation)

Additional Vocabulary

- industrial/commercial area
- inner city
- working-class area/city
- neighbourhood/local community
- suburban area/residential area
- industrial city/major industries/industrialised
- immigrants
- affluent/low socio-economic area/neighbourhood
- locality
- upmarket shops
- fashionable boutiques
- public spaces/parks
- tourist attractions
- main tourist/scenic attraction
- local delicacy
- historical buildings

Cities: Positives & Negatives

- a lot of commuters
- vandalism
- homelessness
- unemployment
- run down
- high cost of living/high property prices
- homelessness and poverty
- concrete jungle
- population explosion
- densely populated
- a lot of litter/rubbish
- crime/dangerous at night
- + good pace of life
- + away from the hustle and bustle
- + woodlands/green spaces
- + good living conditions/well developed
- + good amenities/facilities/infrastructure
- + good public transportation
- + nice sense of community
- + sports facilities
- + parks/gardens
- + touristy
- + job opportunities