

# 6 Do You Know Where It Is?

**A** Look at the photos. Circle the one that matches the description best.

1. cleaner air



2. lower cost of living



3. larger green space



4. better public transportation system



**B** Complete the sentences. Use the words in the box.

public transportation system  
green spaces  
punctual

cozy  
housing  
quality of life

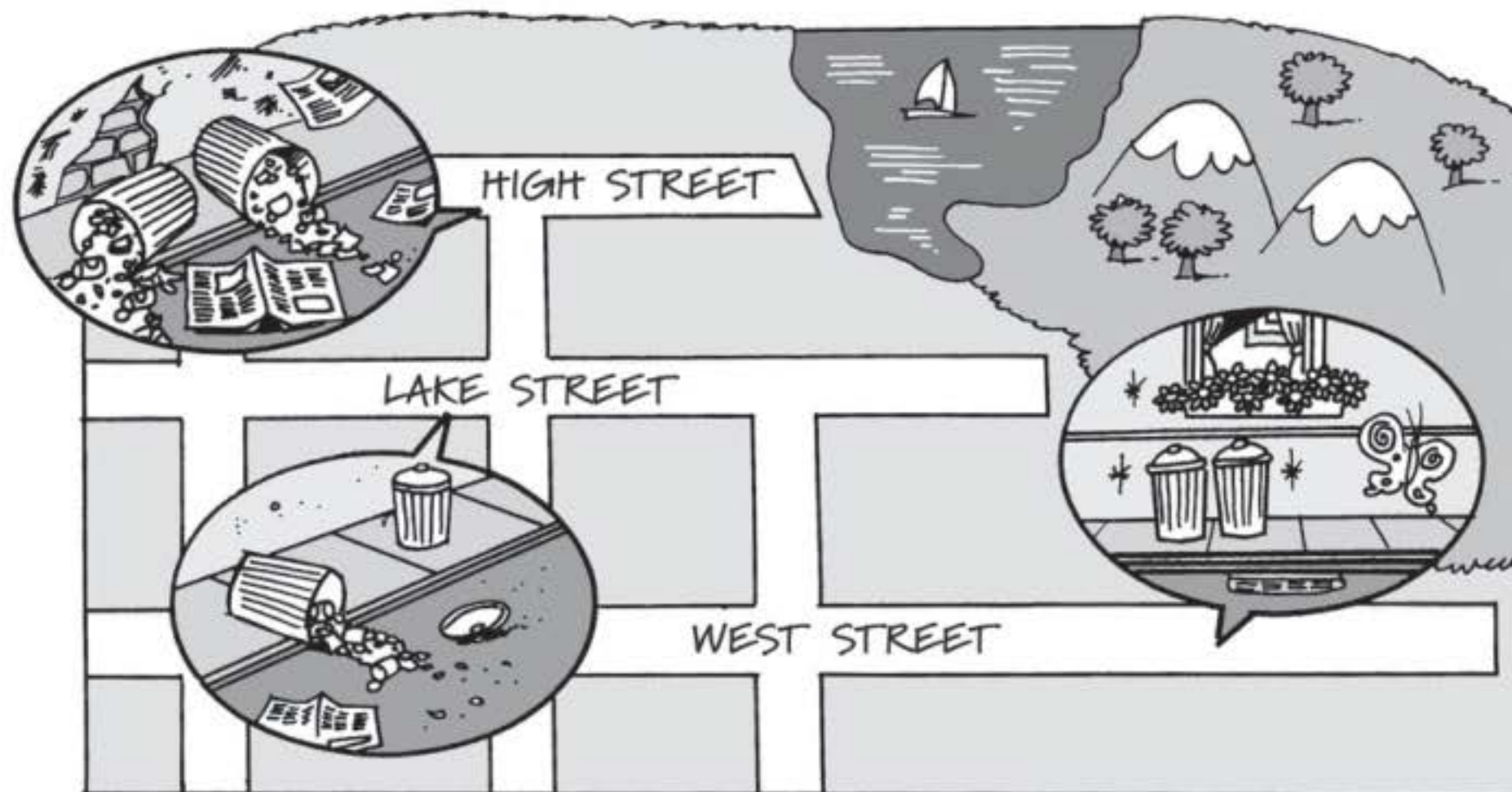
crime rate  
efficient  
cost of living

- We live in a small town, and my grandparents live in a very big city. It takes less money for my family to live in our small town house than it takes for my grandparents to live in their big city apartment. Our \_\_\_\_\_ is lower than my grandparents'.
- Berlin's \_\_\_\_\_ is awesome. We visited the city last year. And they have an amazing subway. It's always on time and doesn't cost a lot. It's very \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- An apartment and a small house are two examples of \_\_\_\_\_ that is available in the city. Both the houses and apartments aren't very big. They're really small and \_\_\_\_\_.
- I love Denver, Colorado. It's an awesome city to live in. There are a lot of trees and parks. With all the \_\_\_\_\_ here in the city, it's really easy to go walking or cycling whenever I want. That's important to me, my family, and my friends. We think the \_\_\_\_\_ in Denver is the best of any city in the world.
- Todd lives in the suburbs and not in the big city. He likes his neighborhood. It's safe and quiet, and people know their neighbors. In fact, there hasn't been a robbery in his neighborhood for two years. The \_\_\_\_\_ is definitely lower in his neighborhood than in the city.



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**C** Fill in the correct comparatives and superlatives.



1. Lake Street is \_\_\_\_\_ (long) than High Street.
2. High Street is the \_\_\_\_\_ (short) street.
3. Lake Street is \_\_\_\_\_ (short) than West Street.
4. West Street is the \_\_\_\_\_ (long).
5. Lake Street is \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) than High Street.
6. High Street is the \_\_\_\_\_ (dirty) street.
7. Lake Street is \_\_\_\_\_ (dirty) than West Street.
8. West Street is the \_\_\_\_\_ (clean).

**D** Complete the sentences. Use comparatives or superlatives. Use the adjective **expensive**.

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- Come live at **the City Center**. One-bedroom apartments are \$500 a month.
- One-bedroom apartments at **the Plaza House** are \$700 a month.
- **The Amazon** has very special one-bedroom apartments with large balconies. Only \$1,000 a month!

💡 The City Center has the least expensive apartments.

1. The Amazon is \_\_\_\_\_ than the Plaza House.
2. The City Center is \_\_\_\_\_ than the Plaza House.
3. The Amazon is \_\_\_\_\_.



**E** Billy lives in the mountains. Dave lives at the beach. Complete the conversation. Use comparative and superlative adjectives.

**Billy:** I like the mountains. The weather is always \_\_\_\_\_ (1. cool) in the mountains than at the beach.

**Dave:** That's right. But I like the sun, and the beach is \_\_\_\_\_ (2. sunny) than the mountains.

**Billy:** That's true. But it's \_\_\_\_\_ (3. quiet) in the mountains. I can hike through the woods and hear the sound of birds. I like that.

**Dave:** Well, the beach is \_\_\_\_\_ (4. noisy) than the mountains, but there is always someone to talk to.

**Billy:** I think that people in the mountains are the \_\_\_\_\_ (5. friendly) people I've ever met. I know all my neighbors.

**Dave:** I am always meeting new people at the beach. They're usually on vacation and are from all over the world. In fact, they're the \_\_\_\_\_ (6. interesting) people I know.

**Billy:** I'm happy you like the beach. But I'll stay in the mountains. It's the \_\_\_\_\_ (7. good) place in the whole world!

**Dave:** And I'm happy you like the mountains. But I still think the beach is \_\_\_\_\_ (8. good) than the mountains!



**F** Where do you want to live, in the mountains or at the beach? Write three sentences about why you prefer to live there. Use comparatives or superlatives.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_





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**G** Complete the sentences. Use comparisons with **as...as**.



**The office building is ten stories tall. The school building is ten stories tall, too.**

**The school building is as tall as the office building.**

- The bus ticket is inexpensive. It costs \$1.00. The subway ticket costs \$1.00, too.  
The bus ticket is just \_\_\_\_\_ the subway ticket.
- The pizza at Joe's is good, and the pizza at Mama Mia's is good, too.  
Joe's pizza is \_\_\_\_\_ Mama Mia's pizza.
- Apartments cost \$700 a month. Houses cost \$1100 a month.  
Apartments aren't \_\_\_\_\_ houses.
- Houston is warm in the winter. Chicago is not warm at all in the winter.  
Chicago in the winter isn't \_\_\_\_\_ Houston in the winter.

**H** Write indirect questions for the answers.



**Ali wants to know the name of this hotel.**

**Q: know / what** Do you know what the name of this hotel is?

**A: It's the Grand Hotel.**

- Amira wants you to tell her the time the bank closes.

**Q: could / when** \_\_\_\_\_

**A: The bank closes at 4 o'clock.**

- Hameed wants to know the location of the gym.

**Q: know / where** \_\_\_\_\_

**A: Yes. It's on Main Street.**

- Fahd wants to know the cost of a train ticket.

**Q: could / how much** \_\_\_\_\_

**A: It costs \$5.00.**

- Farah needs to know when the supermarket opens.

**Q: know / when** \_\_\_\_\_

**A: Yes. It opens at 8:00 in the morning.**



## I READING

### Small Town America

Do you know what the expression “small town America” means? Sometimes people use it to describe living in a small town in the U.S.A. There’s a big difference between the quality of life in a large city and in a small town. That’s true in any country.

Some people prefer to live in the city because there are a lot of people to meet, a lot of places to eat, and a lot of things to do. The pace of life is faster in a big city than it is in a small town. So for some people, the expression “small town” or “small town America” is another way to say that something is slow or even boring.

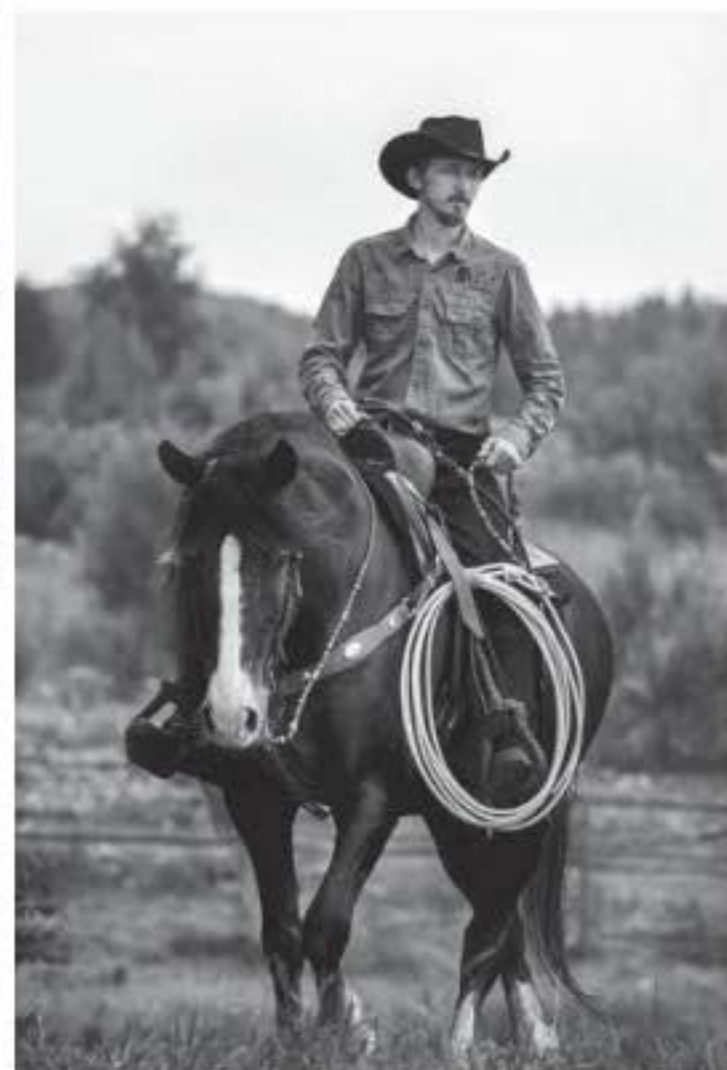
Officially a town has to have less than 10,000 residents to be considered a small town. In other words, a small town is even smaller than a small city. Many young people who grow up in small towns leave for life in the big city. But there are those who regret their move to the big city and want to move back to their small town life. Why? Many miss the community—the friendly neighbors, the close friends, and the looking out for the other person that are often characteristic of a vibrant small town.

The top ten best small towns in the U.S.A. are voted on annually. These are the towns that people miss when they move away. These are the towns that have citizens who are excited about living in their small town. Recently, Hammondsport, New York was voted the best small town in America.

Young people in small town America often do very different things for fun than their big city counterparts. Some of the exciting things young people in small town America do include riding ATVs (all terrain vehicles), riding horses, and even riding snowmobiles when it snows!

Answer the questions.

1. What are three reasons some people like to live in a big city?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. How many people have to live in a town for the town to be considered a small town?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Why do some people regret moving to the big city from a small town?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What is the name of the town that was recently voted as the best small town in America?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What are three things that young people like to do in small towns?  
\_\_\_\_\_





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- J** Think about where you live and where a friend or relative lives that is somewhere different (maybe even another country). Complete the chart with adjectives that describe the town or place where you live and where your friend or relative lives.

Where I Live	
Where My _____ Lives	

### **K** WRITING

Now write a paragraph about where you live and where your friend or relative lives. Compare the two places. Use the information from the chart above.

*Here and There*

