

i	spacious	k	heart	m	outskirts
j	walking	l	cramped	n	suburbs

My house is:

- (9) _____. I wish it was bigger.
 big and (10) _____.
 in the (11) _____.
 on the (12) _____ of a town called Sopron.
 right in the (13) _____ of the village.
 within (14) _____ distance of the local shop.

3 Use any appropriate vocabulary above to practise talking about where you live. After each sentence add extra details that explain what you have said.

Example: My city is very cosmopolitan. We have people from all over the world living here, and that's reflected in the cuisine. You can eat lots of different types of food.

In addition, you can use this vocabulary to talk about your home.

I live in a:

- detached/semi-detached/terraced house.
 bungalow.
 maisonette.
 ground-/first-/second-/top-floor flat.

Practise once, then practise again without looking at the vocabulary.

Vocabulary: Comparing now and then

1 Listen and complete the texts about changes to the speakers' hometowns.

- (1) _____, this was a nice place to live. Everyone knew everyone and people looked out for each other. I'm sorry to say that, (2) _____, the population has risen dramatically and this has led to a breakdown in the community ties that used to unite us. Also, second-home owners buy holiday homes here, and that has meant that the price of property has escalated (3) _____, forcing young people to move away from the area.
- My city is becoming more and more vibrant (1) _____. I love it! (2) _____ really dull, with nothing much for young people to do, (3) _____ bars and clubs have begun opening up. The city's no longer just for the older generations, with theatres and museums – it's got a new lease of life, with a great nightlife and an increasing student population to enjoy it.
- (1) _____, this town was a hive of activity, with its many factories and its port. (2) _____, however, it's nowhere near as bustling, as manufacturing has moved elsewhere. But I for one don't bewail the changes. There's a certain poignancy and beauty to the disused industrial architecture. And, in fact, many of the old factories (3) _____ into flats, and they're extremely popular with trendy young couples who are now moving into the town.