

CHECK!

Talking about my local community

LEVEL

Intermediate (B1)

NUMBER

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LANGUAGE

English

Let's check!

- Can I talk about my local community?
- Can I use a range of adjectives and phrases to describe people and personalities?
- Can I talk about my current and past living situations and say what works best for me?
- Can I talk about my own neighbourhood and what makes it unique?





Discuss

1. **Look at** the picture. What kind of community do you think this is?
2. **List some pros and cons** to living here. (Option: complete this stage **in breakout rooms.**)
3. After the breakout room, **compare** lists. Overall, are there more pros than cons, or vice versa?





Learning outcome 1

Can I use a range of adjectives and phrases to describe people and personalities?

Have you ever lived with someone who...?

Answer the questions (1-10). What **adjectives** could you use to describe the types of people below? Are these adjectives **positive**, **negative** or **neutral**?

1

...never did the washing up?

2

...was a student?

3

...never paid rent?

4

...worked nightshifts?

5

...was a teacher?

6

...liked loud music?

7

...had lots of friends?

8

...never left their room?

9

...let you borrow their clothes?

10

...had a car?

Positive

Negative

Neutral



Let's check! Feedback round

Your teacher will now highlight what was done well and some mistakes that were made **in the last activity** for you to reflect on



Good examples

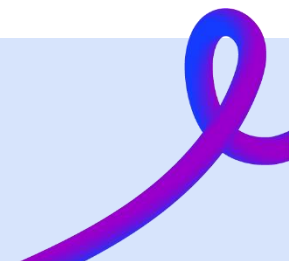


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Learning outcome 2

Can I talk about my current and past living situations and say what works best for me?





Discuss

1



I used to live in a...

What did you like
about where you
lived before?

What didn't you like?

What do you like
about where you
live now?

What don't you like?

2



**At the moment, I am living
in...**

Do you prefer where
you lived before or
where you live now?





Let's check! Feedback round

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Good examples



Find the mistake





Learning outcome 3

Can I talk about my own
neighbourhood and what makes it
unique?



Discuss

**Describe the
neighbourhood
shown in the
picture.**

Is it similar to where you live?

How is it different?

Describe your neighbourhood.





Let's check! Feedback round

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Good examples



Find the mistake



End of the lesson

Idiom

the middle of nowhere

Meaning: A place that is very remote



Additional practice



Dialogue

You are moving to a new city. Some of your friends already live there. They ask you questions to help you decide which neighbourhood to live in. **Answer** the questions and **explain why**.



Do you need to be near a park or other open spaces?

...



How important is it for you to be near shops, restaurants, and cafés?

...



Do you prefer a neighbourhood with historic or modern buildings?

...



Yes/no questions

Ask each other *yes/no* questions about the topics in the box below.

Practise asking and answering these questions in the different tenses.

- Your neighbours
- Your neighbourhood
- Your flat
- Your flatmates
- Your commute to work
- Pets
- Parking
- Bills

_____ you...?
(past simple/past continuous)

_____ you...?
(present simple/present continuous)

_____ you...?
(future simple)



Information questions

Use the words and pictures below to make **information questions** in different tenses. **Take turns** to ask and answer the questions.



transport



restaurants



schools



architecture



nightlife

What can you tell me about the schools in your area?

Where do you do your food shopping?

- Why...?
- When...?
- What...?
- Where...?
- Who...?

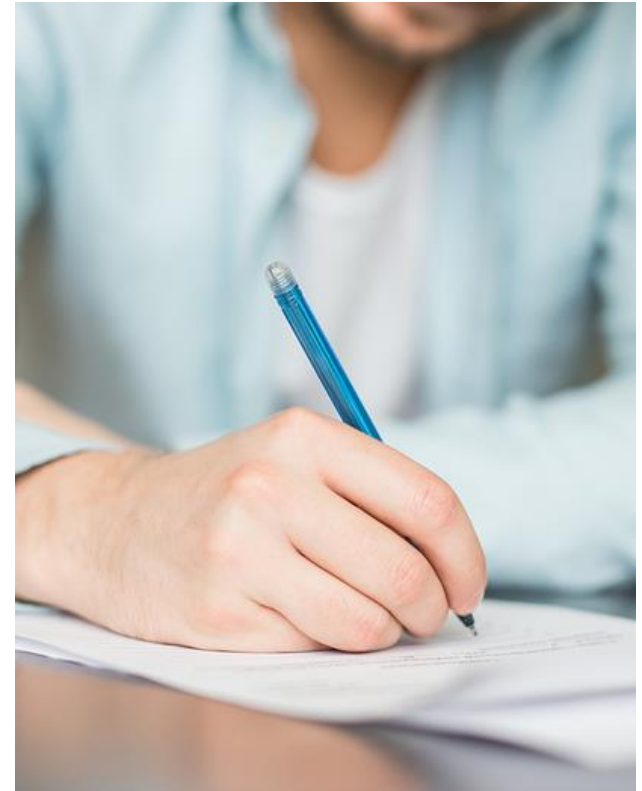


Discuss



What are object and subject questions?

Explain the differences to your teacher and then share some examples





Summary

Discussing different living situations

Describing people's personalities

- Positive: easy-going, sociable, respectful, responsible, bubbly,
- Negative: messy, noisy, rude
- Neutral: hard-working, laid-back, shy, outgoing

Describing different homes and living situations

- flat share, studio apartment, apartment complex; housemates, a good match
- to have your own space

Talking about your current living situation

- *At the moment, I live in a two-person flat share*
- *I like living with people who are quiet because I am shy*
- *I am living with my partner in a studio flat in a brand-new apartment complex*

Talking about your past living situation

- *I had a terrible experience in my last apartment. My neighbours had parties every night*
- *I used to live with lots of friends in a flat share when I was at university*
- *I didn't like living on my own. I am a very sociable person*



Summary

Question forms

Subject questions

- Ask for information about the subject
- Begin with *who* or *what*
- Don't use an auxiliary verb in the present and past simple

Object questions

- Ask information about the object
- Begin with a *wh*-word
- Use an auxiliary verb in the present and past simple

Subject question examples

- *Who lives here?*
- *Who rung the doorbell?*
- *Who collected my package?*

Object question examples

- *What did the estate agent say?*
- *What does this flat cost per month?*
- *When did you move in?*



Summary

Neighbourhoods around the world

Adjectives for place and atmosphere

- high-end, distinctive, affluent, derelict, bohemian, trendy, hip, industrial, vibrant, laid-back, overgrown, peaceful

Phrases:

- bustling streets
- independent shops

Different types of neighbourhoods

- Lots of neighbourhoods are mostly residential. They are where people live
- Other neighbourhoods have lots of cafes and bars where people go to meet friends
- Towns and cities also have neighbourhoods filled with offices where people work



Vocabulary

flat share

studio apartment

apartment complex

housemate

sociable

easy-going

respectful

outgoing

bubbly

laid-back

to rent out (a room)

hard-working

responsible

messy

shy

to have your own space



Vocabulary

home-made

workshop

craftsperson

interview

lively

to interview



Vocabulary

high-end

distinctive

affluent

derelict

bohemian

trendy

bustling

vibrant

industrial

diverse

overgrown

peaceful

independent shop

