

2d Towns & Villages



Town

- industrial
- modern
- clean
- large



Village

- local
- quiet
- isolated
- pretty
- small



Streets

- wide
- narrow
- clean
- quiet
- dirty
- noisy
- tree-lined



Shops

- local
- small
- crowded
- expensive
- big
- busy



Houses/flats

- comfortable
- modern
- ugly
- pretty
- noisy
- attractive
- old
- beautiful
- traditional
- spacious



1 Read the phrases. What are they in your language? Use as many phrases as you can to talk about where you live.

▶ *I live in (a quiet village). There are (beautiful traditional) houses and (tree-lined) streets. There aren't (any big shops). There is a (small local shop) where ...*



2

Listen to Alex describing his neighbourhood. What is it like? What shops are there?



3

Use these prepositions and places/shops from the lists to describe your neighbourhood.

Prepositions

in front of, next to, between, opposite, behind, to the left/right of, on (the corner) of

Places/Shops

school, baker's, café, chemist's, bus stop, butcher's, block of flats, corner shop, restaurant, supermarket, grocer's, park, newsagent's, bank, hairdresser's

- ▶ *My neighbourhood is noisy and crowded. I live in a small flat with a balcony. There are a few shops that are usually busy. There's a baker's next to my block of flats ...*



Neighbours

- 4 a Sort the adjectives into positive/negative. Compare with a partner.


sociable selfish rude

helpful arrogant forgetful

caring talkative silly

easily annoyed nosy



- b  Think of your neighbours. Which of the adjectives would best describe them? Tell your partner. Give reasons.

- *My next-door neighbour, Mrs Smith, is very sociable. She often visits us for a chat.*



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Read the text and match the phrases (A-G) to the gaps (1-6). There's one extra phrase.



Dear Jane,

Hi. How are you? I hope you are well. Sorry it's been so long since I've written, **1)**

Well, I love my new house and neighbourhood! The neighbours are fantastic **2)** A young woman called Kate lives next door. She watered my plants for me **3)** She also walks my dog for me from time to time, too. I really like her a lot and we often go out to the cinema or for a coffee together. Mrs Green who lives across the road is really nice. She watches my house in the evenings when I'm out and in return I do a bit of shopping for her **4)**

It's completely different from where I used to live, **5)** on the street and play loud music late at night. No one was friendly there. My old neighbours **6)** If I had known how much better things could be, I would have moved house a lot sooner!

I really love it here. I'm so glad I moved. How are things with you? Write back soon and tell me all your news. Perhaps you can come for a visit some time.

Love,
Paula

- A while I was away last weekend
- B would peep at me from behind their curtains
- C who is very nice and friendly
- D and I've made friends with some of them already
- E where the kids next door would drop litter
- F but as you know I've been busy moving house
- G or some other small errands

6 Match to make exchanges.

- 1 Would you like me to water your plants while you're away?
- 2 I'm so sorry we made so much noise last night. It won't happen again.
- 3 Would you be able to watch over our house for us while we're away?
- 4 Shall I get you some milk when I'm at the supermarket?
- 5 Would you mind not playing loud music early on Sunday mornings?



- a Sure, it would be a pleasure. When are you leaving?
- b Of course. Sorry about that, I didn't know it was a problem.
- c That's really kind of you, but Mrs Jones has already offered to do it.
- d Oh, don't worry about it. It didn't wake us up.
- e Oh, would you? Thanks, that would be great!

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Act out similar exchanges for the following situations:

- 1 You need someone to feed your cat while you are away.
- 2 Your neighbour's dog keeps digging up the flowers in your garden.
- 3 You wonder if your neighbours would like you to babysit for them on their wedding anniversary.
- 4 Your next-door neighbour is ill. You offer to do his shopping for him.

