

# 8 What's your neighborhood like?

## 1 WORD POWER Places

**A** Match the words and the definitions. Then practice asking the questions with a partner.

What's a . . . ?

1. barber shop . . . . .
2. laundromat . . . . .
3. library . . . . .
4. stationery store . . . . .
5. travel agency . . . . .
6. grocery store . . . . .
7. theater . . . . .

It's a place where you . . . .

- a. wash and dry clothes
- b. buy food
- c. buy cards and paper
- d. get a haircut
- e. see a movie or play
- f. make reservations for a trip
- g. borrow books



**B Pair work** Write definitions for these places.

clothing store   drugstore   Internet café   music store   post office

*It's a place where you find new fashions. (clothing store)*

**C Group work** Read your definitions. Can others guess each place?

## 2 CONVERSATION I'm your new neighbor.



▶ Listen and practice.

Jack: Excuse me. I'm your new neighbor, Jack. I just moved in.  
 Mrs. Day: Oh. Yes?  
 Jack: I'm looking for a grocery store. Are there any around here?  
 Mrs. Day: Yes, there are some on Pine Street.  
 Jack: Oh, good. And is there a laundromat near here?  
 Mrs. Day: Well, I think there's one across from the shopping center.  
 Jack: Thank you.  
 Mrs. Day: By the way, there's a barber shop in the shopping center, too.  
 Jack: A barber shop?

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# GRAMMAR FOCUS

**There is, there are; one, any, some**

**Is there** a laundromat near here?  
 Yes, **there is**. There's **one** across from the shopping center.  
 No, **there isn't**, but there's **one** next to the library.

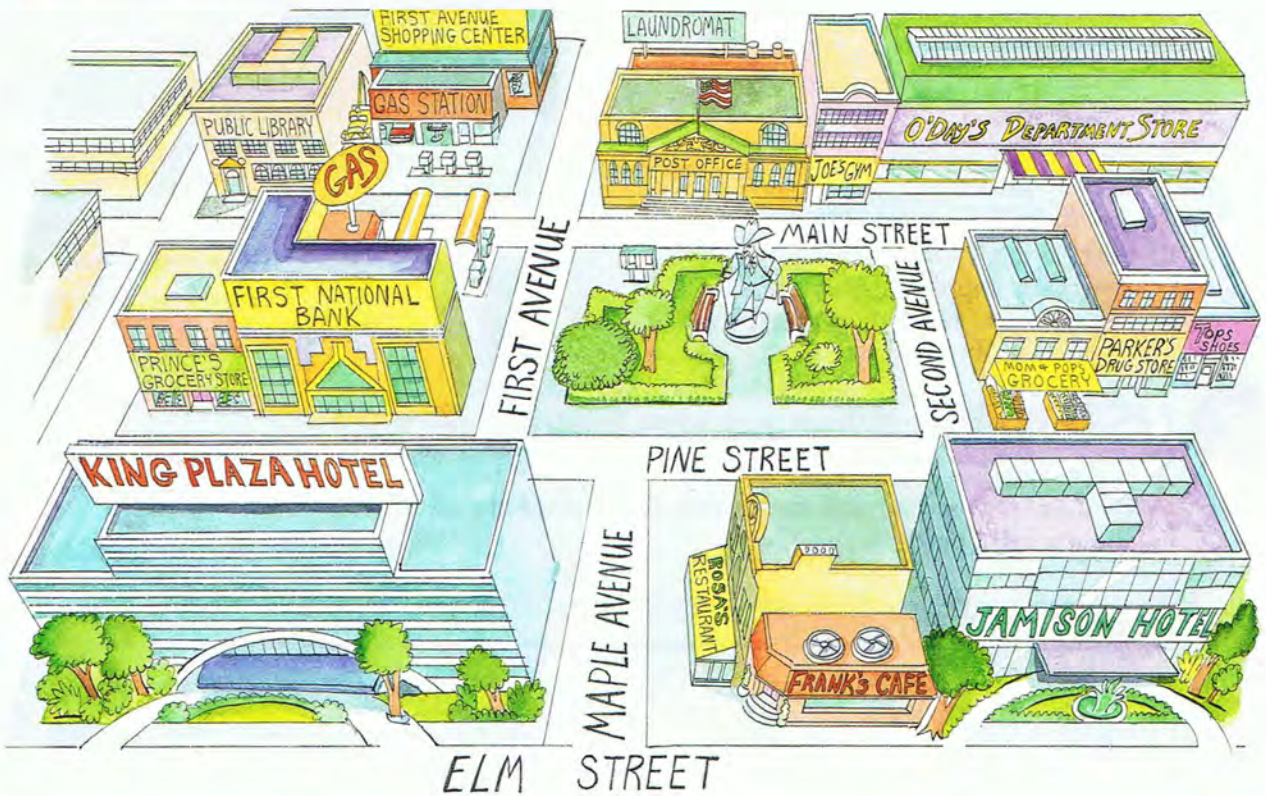
**Are there any** grocery stores around here?  
 Yes, **there are**. There are **some** nice stores on Pine Street.  
 No, **there aren't**, but there are **some** on Third Avenue.  
 No, **there aren't any** around here.

**Prepositions**  
 on  
 next to  
 near/close to  
 across from/opposite  
 in front of  
 in back of/behind  
 between  
 on the corner of

**A** Write questions about these places in the neighborhood map below.

- a bank
- gas stations
- a gym
- a laundromat
- a post office
- a department store
- grocery stores
- hotels
- a pay phone
- restaurants

Is there a bank around here?  
 Are there any gas stations on Main Street?



**B Pair work** Ask and answer the questions you wrote in part A.

A: Is there a pay phone around here?  
 B: Yes, there is. There's one across from the post office.

## 4 PRONUNCIATION Reduction of there is/there are

**A** Listen and practice. Notice how **there is** and **there are** are reduced in conversation, except for short answers.

**Is there** a laundromat near here?

Yes, **there is**. **There's** one across from the shopping center.

**Are there** any grocery stores around here?

Yes, **there are**. **There are** some on Pine Street.

**B** Practice the questions and answers in part B of Exercise 3 again.

## 5 SPEAKING My neighborhood

**Group work** Take turns asking and answering questions about places like these in your neighborhood.

a bookstore	a karaoke bar
coffee shops	a library
dance clubs	movie theaters
drugstores	a music store
a gym	a park
an Internet café	restaurants



A: Is there a good bookstore in your neighborhood?

B: Yes, there's an excellent one across from the park.

C: Are there any coffee shops?

B: Sorry, I don't know.

D: Are there any cool dance clubs?

B: I'm not sure, but I think there's one . . .

### useful expressions

Sorry, I don't know.  
I'm not sure, but I think . . .  
Of course. There's one . . .

## 6 LISTENING What are you looking for?

**A** Listen to some hotel guests ask about places to visit in the neighborhood. Complete the chart.

Place	Location	Interesting?	
		Yes	No
Hard Rock Cafe	.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Science Museum	.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aquarium	.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**B Pair work** Which place sounds the most interesting to you? Why?

**COMMON COMPLAINTS** about neighbors



**NOISE**

"My neighbor's dog barks all night."  
 "My neighbor always has loud parties."



**PRIVACY**

"The kids next door always play in my yard."  
 "My neighbor visits every day. It's too much!"



**ANIMAL PROBLEMS**

"My neighbor's cats go everywhere."  
 "My neighbor has six dogs. It's a zoo!"



**CLEANLINESS**

"My neighbor has garbage in his front yard."  
 "My neighbor never cuts the grass."

Source: Based on information from *Neighbor Law: Fences, Trees, Boundaries, & Noise*

Do you ever have any of these complaints? Which ones?  
 What other complaints do you have about neighbors?  
 What do you do when you have complaints?

**8** **CONVERSATION** *It's pretty safe.*

▶ Listen and practice.

Nick: How do you like your new apartment?  
 Pam: I love it. It's downtown, so it's very convenient.  
 Nick: Downtown? Is there much noise?  
 Pam: Oh, no. There isn't any. I live on the fifth floor.  
 Nick: How many restaurants are there near your place?  
 Pam: A lot. In fact, there's an excellent Korean place just around the corner.  
 Nick: What about parking?  
 Pam: Well, there aren't many parking garages. But I usually find a place on the street.  
 Nick: Is there much crime?  
 Pam: No, it's pretty safe. Hold on. That's my car alarm! I'll call you back later.



# 9 GRAMMAR FOCUS

## Quantifiers; how many *and* how much

### Count nouns

Are there **many** restaurants?  
 Yes, there are **a lot**.  
 Yes, there are **a few**.  
 No, there aren't **many**.  
 No, there aren't **any**.  
 No, there are **none**.

**How many** restaurants are there?  
 There are ten or twelve.

### Noncount nouns

Is there **much** crime?  
 Yes, there's **a lot**.  
 Yes, there's **a little**.  
 No, there isn't **much**.  
 No, there isn't **any**.  
 No, there's **none**.

**How much** crime is there?  
 There's a lot of street crime.

**A** Write answers to these questions about your neighborhood. Then practice with a partner.

1. Are there many apartment buildings? .....
2. How much traffic is there? .....
3. How many dance clubs are there? .....
4. Is there much noise? .....
5. Are there many pay phones? .....
6. Is there much pollution? .....
7. How many swimming pools are there? .....
8. Is there much parking? .....



**B Group work** Write questions like those in part A about these topics. Then ask and answer the questions.

cafés crime parks pollution public transportation schools traffic lights

## 10 INTERCHANGE 8 Neighborhood committee

Make your neighborhood a better place. Go to Interchange 8.

## 11 WRITING A roommate wanted ad

**A** Read these bulletin board ads asking for roommates.

**B** Now write a "roommate wanted" ad. Use your real name at the end, but you can use a false phone number or e-mail address.

**C Class activity** Put your ads on the bulletin board or wall. Read all the ads and choose one. Then find the person who wrote it. Ask questions to get more information.

### Roommates Wanted

Roommate needed to share large 3-bedroom apt. in nice neighborhood. Great park across the street. Only \$440 a month! Parking available. Call Sheri or Jen at (352) 555-8381.

Quiet student looking for roommate to share 2-bedroom house near campus. Pets OK. \$550 a month plus utilities. E-mail Greg at g.adams@cup.org.

# The World in One Neighborhood

Scan the article. Then check (✓) the countries that are not mentioned.

- Brazil    China    India    Japan    Pakistan    Romania    Thailand

1 The sidewalks are crowded with Indian women in colorful traditional dress. A woman on the corner is selling Chinese cakes. A new song from a Romanian band is playing in a restaurant. Is it



Astoria is a neighborhood in Queens in New York City.

India? China? Romania? No, it's Astoria, a neighborhood in Queens, New York City. Astoria was once a mostly Greek neighborhood, but the area is changing fast. New residents from India, Pakistan, Thailand, China, and all over the United States are moving in.



2 The new residents bring many traditions. These traditions blend together to make Astoria truly multicultural. "When people are surrounded by different cultures, they adopt the things that they like," says one resident. "Here in Astoria, it isn't surprising that an Indian woman buys Mexican tortillas from a Korean grocery store. It's one of the things that makes the neighborhood special."

3 It isn't surprising that Astoria is becoming a very popular place to live. The rents are reasonable, the neighborhood is safe, and it has very good public transportation. There are inexpensive stores, many nice restaurants, and good fresh fruit and vegetable markets. And Astoria is a comfortable place to live. Apartments are usually big and roomy. As one long-time resident says, "Why live anywhere else? Astoria has it all."

**A** Read the article. Then write the number of each paragraph next to its main idea.

- ..... The new residents make Astoria a multicultural neighborhood.
- ..... People from all over the world are moving to Astoria.
- ..... The neighborhood has many good characteristics.

**B** Check (✓) the things you can find in Astoria.

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> inexpensive stores | <input type="checkbox"/> beautiful beaches | <input type="checkbox"/> many different cultures    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> big apartments     | <input type="checkbox"/> great markets     | <input type="checkbox"/> interesting old buildings  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good schools       | <input type="checkbox"/> nice restaurants  | <input type="checkbox"/> good public transportation |

**C Pair work** Do you know of a neighborhood that is similar to Astoria? Describe it.