

DESCRIBING YOUR AREA/NEIGHBOURHOOD

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EXERCISE 1

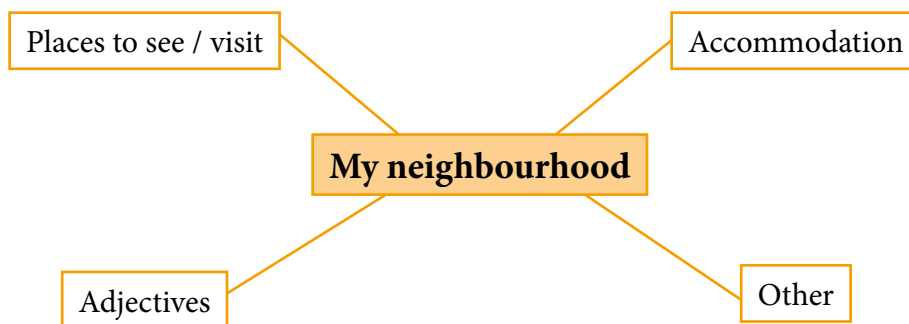
a. Work with a partner. Discuss the questions.

- Where do you live?
- What's your area/neighbourhood like?
- Would you recommend your area/neighbourhood as a place to live? Why/Why not?

EXERCISE 2

a. Add the words in the box to the correct part of the mind map.

bar busy flat hall of residences house lively museum
 neighbours park people quiet traffic



b. Add any other words or phrases you can think of to your mind map.

c. Which of the words/phrases in the mind map would you use to describe your area/neighbourhood?

EXERCISE 3

a. Listen to someone describe their neighbourhood. Tick any words/phrases from your mind map that you hear.

b. Do you think the area sounds like a nice place to live? Why / why not?

c. Match the sentence halves together to make phrases from the listening. Then listen and check your answers.

EXERCISE 4

a. Work with a partner. For each extract, underline information that you might change when describing your own neighbourhood. Change the information so that it is true for your neighbourhood.

Examples:

Extract: I live in Hackney, it's an area in East London.

Me: I live in Palencia, it's a city in north-west Spain.

Extract: It's affordable compared to other parts of London

Me: It's cheap compared to other parts of Spain, such as Madrid.

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Pronunciation

Listen to your teacher read the phrase. Listen carefully to how they say the underlined part of the phrase.

The traffic in Hackney is okay...

Practise saying each phrase, linking the sounds together.

Look back at the extracts from the listening. Can you identify any other sounds which might link together? If you are not sure, ask your teacher.

EXERCISE 5

a. Prepare to describe your own area or neighbourhood. Use the phrases from the listening to help you. Make notes on the following topics, but don't write in full sentences.

Location	
Places in my area	
Adjectives describing my area	
Negative/positive things about my area	
Overall opinion	

b. Spend five minutes planning how you will describe your area. Think about the following:

- The order of your description
- The phrases you will use
- Any linking sounds

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c. Describe your area to 3 people. As you listen to others, make notes in the table based on your opinion.

	Good things about the area	Bad things about the area	Other
Partner 1			
Partner 2			
Partner 3			

When you finish...

d. Work with a partner. Discuss the questions.

- Which area sounded the best? Why?
- Which area was most similar to your own? Why/How?
- How easy/difficult did you find it to describe your area?
- What new phrases did you learn from today's lesson?

EVERYDAY

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EXTRACTS

Extracts (sentence halves, currently correct order)



I live in Hackney,

which is an area in East London.

I live in a flat

just opposite Hackney Central tube station.

... it's not far from

London city centre.

... it's cheaper

than living in the centre ...

... there are lots of things

to do in Hackney.

There are plenty of good bars

and restaurants there ...

The traffic

in Hackney is okay...

Overall, I'd recommend Hackney

as a place to live.

It's affordable compared

to other parts of London

