

Intermediate 4 Unit 1

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Activity 1

Finding a Place to Live

You are getting married soon and you have saved to buy a new house or apartment.

Student
A

Student
B



Activity 1 Student A

You'd like to buy a place with spacious rooms and a terrace or garden. You hate small modern apartments.

- **Read the real estate descriptions below.**
- **Compare the apartment/houses with your partner and decide which the best option is.**
- **Take into account: size, space, facilities, price, location and style.**

Useful language:

- ... is more/less ...
- ... is better than...
- ... the best ...
- We have to ... /should
- If we ..., we ...



21A Candid Street

Only \$150,000

- A first-floor apartment with two bedrooms and a large balcony.
- It is unfurnished and has no central heating or fireplace.
- Rooms are quite small.
- It is part of a 1960s complex and in a run-down area but close to downtown.



4B Secret Way

Only \$250,000

- A well-decorated one-bedroom ground floor apartment.
- It has central heating and a fireplace.
- The living room is very large and the bedroom is small and cozy.
- Built in 1980, it is located on the edge of town.
- The apartment has access to a narrow shared garden and a shared basement with laundry facilities.



30 Headley Avenue

Only \$280,000

- A small two-story house in a terraced row.
- The house has central heating and there is a fireplace in the living room.
- Two large bedrooms and a small attic room which may serve as a bedroom or office.
- Partly furnished. Historic nineteenth-century building.
- Long, wide garden with mature plants.



Activity 1 Student B

You'd rather buy a new modern apartment. You don't like old buildings which always need fixing.

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- **Compare the apartment/houses with your partner and decide which the best option is.**
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Activity 2

City Elections Campaigning

Mayor runs for re-election

Student

A

Student

B



Activity 2 Student A

You are the current mayor in the city and want to be reelected for another period. You are giving an interview on a TV show to a respected reporter who is considered an opinion leader.

- Point out all the great improvements your government has carried out in the city.**
- Take every opportunity to contrast the present and past conditions of public places.**

Useful language:

Remember that...**used to** ...

People **would need to**....everyday...

...**would** constantly **complain**...

...**was/were**...

There **wasn't/weren't** any...



Activity 2 Student B

You are a respected reporter and an opinion leader. You are interviewing the current city mayor on your TV show. He/she is campaigning to be reelected for another period.

- Remind him/her of several things which used to be better in the past.**
- Be specific about each issue and ask him/ her what he plans to do about them.**

Useful language:

Do you remember how...*used to*...?

We *didn't use to*....

Did you use to...?

cleaner/ dirtier

safer/ more dangerous /cheaper/more expensive



Activity 3

Ranking Reasons

Which of these factors are more important to you when searching for a place to live? Which are less important? Rank them accordingly!

age	# rooms	view	size	location	amenities
cost	natural light	neighbors	safety	appearance	other

Account for your choices

I We	would rather live prefer living	in a place with ... in a ... apartment in a ... neighborhood than in ... somewhere ...
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Activity 4

Eating Out in the Neighborhood

It's Friday evening. Ted and Sue are at home.

Complete their conversation.

Remember to use *would rather*, *would prefer*, *used to*, *would*, *simple past*, *comparatives*, and/or *superlatives* where necessary!



Ted: 1. _____ stay home and cook dinner 2. _____ go out?

Sue: 3. _____ go out. I am pretty tired today, so I don't want to cook. What about you? 4. _____ stay in and order a pizza or go out?

Ted: I 5. _____ to stay in but I'm not in the mood for pizza. So, let's go out.

Sue: Great! What type of restaurant would you like to go to?

Ted: I 6. _____ to go somewhere quiet.



Sue: Really? Not me. I 7. _____ go somewhere with live music.

Ted: But didn't you say you were tired?

Sue: I'm tired to cook, but not too tired to have some fun.

Ted: Well, you win. Let's go to the new Arabian restaurant on Park Ave. I've heard they have a pretty nice show and their food is
8. _____ in town.

Sue: Arabian food...I've never tried it. Is it as 9. _____ Mexican food?

Ted: No, it's not that hot. It's only spicy, like the food we
10. _____ eat at that Indian restaurant near your
parents' home when we were studying at university.

Sue: Oh, I remember we 11. _____ go there to celebrate
every time we passed an exam. It was nice but
it 12. _____ a show.

Ted: I'm sure we'll love this new Arabian place. Let's go there now before
it gets too crowded.

