

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

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**Student
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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.