

Unit 8

Cycle 1

HOW'S THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

Aims:

- Ask about and describe places
- Describe a neighborhood



Objective questions

1. What's a hair salon/laundromat/newsstand/stadium/Wi-Fi hotspot?
2. Is there a theater/gym/post office/department store in your neighborhood?
3. Is there a drugstore/shopping center/library near here? Where is it?
4. Are there any restaurants/hotels/banks in your neighborhood?
5. Are there any grocery stores/laundromats/gas stations in this neighborhood? Where is one near here?
6. Is there much crime/noise/parking/pollution/public transportation/traffic in your neighborhood? How much is there?
7. Are there many schools/traffic lights/parks/coffee shops in your neighborhood? How many are there around here? Where is one?
8. Ask [classmate] about his/her neighborhood.

1 WORD POWER Places and activities

Learning objective: describe what you do at places in a neighborhood

A Match the places and the definitions. Then ask and answer the questions with a partner.

What's a . . . ?

1. clothing store f

2. grocery store a

3. hair salon c

4. laundromat g

5. newsstand d

6. stadium e

7. Wi-Fi hot spot b

It's a place where you . . .

a. get food and small items for the home

b. can connect to the Internet

c. get a haircut

d. buy newspapers and magazines

e. see a game or a concert

f. find new fashions

g. wash and dry your clothes



B PAIR WORK Write definitions for these places.

coffee shop drugstore gas station library post office

It's a place where you drink coffee and tea and eat small meals. (coffee shop)

1 (drugstore) It's a place where you ... buy medicines

2 (gas station) It's a place ... where you load gasoline for a car

3 (library) It's a ... place where you can get books and read

4 (post office) It's ... a place where you can send a package or letter to a friend who doesn't live in your city

2 CONVERSATION I just moved in.

Learning objective: use there is/there are and one/any/some in a conversation about places in a neighborhood

Listen and practice.

Greg

Excuse me! Hi, I'm your new neighbor, Greg. I just moved in.

Mrs. Cook

Oh. Yes?

Greg

I'm looking for a grocery store. Are there any around here?

Mrs. Cook

Yes, there are some on Pine Street.

Greg

Oh, good. And is there a laundromat near here?

Mrs. Cook

Well, I think there's one across from the shopping center.

Greg

Thank you.

Mrs. Cook

By the way, there's a hair salon in the shopping center.

Greg

A hair salon?



1 Greg just moved into a new neighborhood, and he is looking for two things. What are they? **A= he is looking for a grocery store and a laundromat**

2 What other place does Mrs. Cook suggest? **A= She suggest a hairs salon**

3 Why? **A=**

3 GRAMMAR FOCUS

Learning objective: ask and answer questions with there is/there are; answer questions with one/any/some/ prepositions of place

► Is there / Are there?

See the Conversation once more.

1 What question does Greg ask beginning with *is there*? Put the words in the correct order.

is

there

a laundromat

near/around here

2 What question does Greg ask beginning with *are there*? Put the words in the correct order.

are

there

any

grocery stores

near/around here

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.

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Prepositions

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3 Look at the two questions in the Grammar Focus box. What are the rules for forming questions with *is there* and *are there*? Put the parts in order.

Is there

a/an

singular noun

near/around here

Are there

any

plural noun

near/around here

► One and some

The singular noun and its article such as *laundromat* can be **replaced** by *one*.

Is there a laundromat near here?

A= There is **one** near here?

The plural noun such as *grocery stores* can be **replaced** with *some*.

Are there any grocery stores around here?

A= There are **some** around here?

PLAY THE AUDIO



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► Prepositions

Label the prepositions of place.

in next to under on

in front of next to under behind

above on across from between

in

A Look at the map. Write questions about these places: (use the places in the next slide)

an ATM	grocery stores	a department store	a post office
hotels	Wi-Fi spots	an electronics store	coffee shops



SINGULAR NOUNS

- 1 Is there a gym around here?
- 2 Is there an ATM near here?
- 3 Is there a department store near here?
- 4 Is there a post office near here?
- 5 Is there an electronics store around here?

Plural NOUNS

- 1 Are there any gas stations on Main Street?
- 2 Are there any grocery stores near the plaza?
- 3 Are there any hotels near the ATM?
- 4 Are there any Wi-fi spots around?
- 5 Are the coffee shops near the Hotel?

PLACES

ATM	<u>Cajero automatico</u>	laundromat	<u>Lavanderia</u>
bank	<u>Banco</u>	library	<u>Biblioteca</u>
<i>barbershop</i>	<u>Barberia</u>	main street	<u>Calle principal</u>
bookstore	<u>Liberia</u>	market	<u>Mercado</u>
business district	<u>Distrito empresarial</u>	newsstand	<u>Puesto de periódico</u>
clothing store	<u>Tienda de ropa</u>	park	<u>Parque</u>
college campus	<u>Campus universitario</u>	parking garage	<u>Garaje de estacionamiento</u>
coffee shop	<u>Cafetería</u>	post office	<u>Oficina de correo</u>
department store	<u>Grandes almacenes</u>	restaurant	<u>Restaurant</u>
downtown	<u>Centro</u>	<i>science museum</i>	<u>Museo de ciencia</u>
drugstore	<u>Farmacia</u>	shopping center	<u>Centro comercial</u>
electronics store	<u>Tienda de electrónicos</u>	shopping district	<u>Distrito comercial</u>
gas station	<u>Gasolinera</u>	small town	<u>Pueblo pequeño</u>
grocery store	<u>Tienda de comestibles</u>	stadium	<u>Estadio</u>
gym	<u>Gimnasio</u>	suburbs	<u>Afuera</u>
hair salon	<u>Peluquería</u>	<i>swimming pool</i>	<u>Alberca</u>
hotel	<u>Hotel</u>	theater district	<u>Distrito de los teatros</u>
industrial district	<u>Distrito industrial</u>	Wi-Fi hot spot	<u>Puntos de acceso a internet</u>

(*italics* = new word)

4 PRONUNCIATION Reduction of there is/there are

Learning objective: sound more natural by reducing there is/there are in long answers

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

Is there a bank near here?

Yes, **there is**. **There's** one on First Avenue.

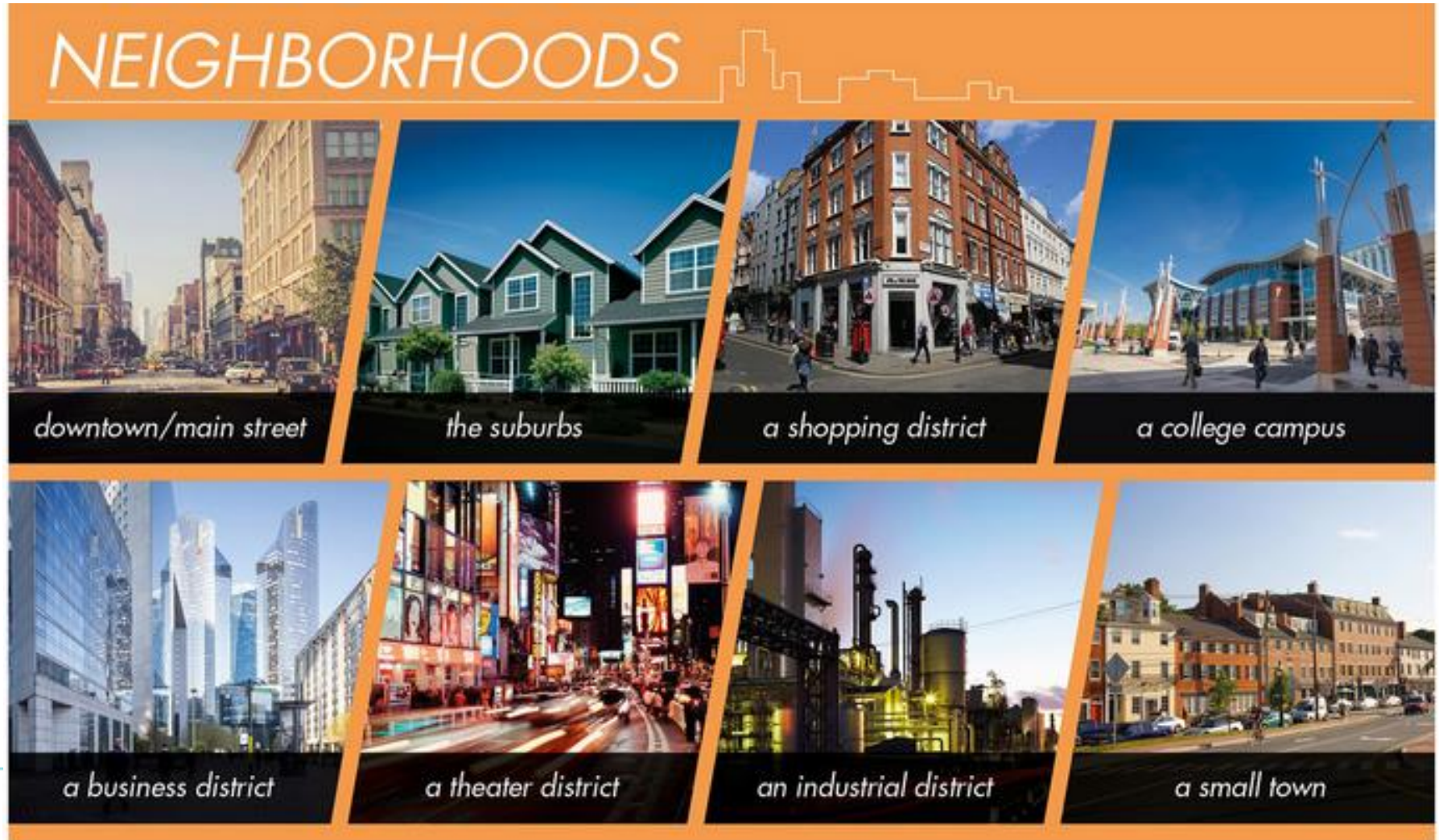
Are there any coffee shops around here?

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



7 SNAPSHOT

Learning objective: describe different neighborhoods



Vocabulary

suburb: an area outside of a city where people live

district: a part of a city that has a lot of one kind of business

campus: the land and buildings that belong to a college or university

industrial: connected with industry; having a lot of factories

Read and think

What types of businesses are or aren't found in these neighborhoods?

Which areas do you visit often? Which areas do you hardly ever visit? Why?

8 CONVERSATION It's very convenient.

Learning objective: ask and answer questions and use quantifiers in a conversation about a neighborhood

Listen and practice.



BARRY How do you like your new apartment, Alana?



ALANA I love it. It's downtown, so it's very convenient.



BARRY Downtown? Is there much traffic?



ALANA Yeah, there's a lot. But I don't drive, so it's OK.



BARRY Oh, that's right. Is there much crime in the area?



ALANA No, it's pretty safe. The difference is the noise.



BARRY Really? Is there a lot of noise?



ALANA There's a lot on the weekend from the Italian restaurant downstairs.



BARRY Oh, that's too bad. But is the food at the restaurant good?



ALANA It's incredible! Hey, would you like to have dinner there on Saturday?



BARRY Yes! I love Italian food.



Vocabulary

downtown: the business center of a city

convenient: easy to get to or find things

traffic: the amount of cars and trucks using a road

crime: illegal activities

safe: not dangerous; without crime

A Answer the questions.

1 What are Barry and Alana talking about?

A= they talk about alana's new apartment

2 Where is Alana's new apartment?

A= it's in the center

3 Is Alana's new neighborhood safe?

A= yes it is



4 When does it get noisy in Alana's apartment?

A= it gets noisy on the weekends

5 What does Alana invite Barry to do at the end of the conversation?

A= She invites her to dinner on saturday

9 GRAMMAR FOCUS

Learning objective: ask and answer questions with count and noncount nouns and quantifiers

► Count and noncount nouns

Count nouns

restaurant
café

Noncount nouns

traffic
crime

Which nouns from the boxes can take a plural –s ending?

A= the count nouns

Nouns can be countable or uncountable. Countable nouns can be counted, e.g. **one gas station, two gas stations**, etc.

Uncountable nouns cannot be counted, e.g. *air, rice, water, bread, money, information, furniture coffee, advice, etc.*

When you learn a new noun, you should check if it is countable or uncountable and note how it is used in a sentence.

► How many and how much

A Underline questions with *is there* and *are there*.



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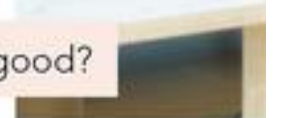
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B What are the rules to form the questions you underlined?

Is there + how much + complement ?

Are there + how many + complement ?

► Quantifiers

Quantifiers are used to describe different amounts of things. (e.g., *a lot, a few, any, many, much, none*).

Quantifiers; <i>how many and how much</i>	
Count nouns	Noncount nouns
Are there many restaurants?	Is there much crime?
Yes, there are a lot .	Yes, there's a lot .
There are a few .	There's a little .
No, there aren't many .	No, there isn't much .
No, there aren't any .	No, there isn't any .
No, there are none .	No, there's none .
How many restaurants are there?	How much crime is there?
There are 10 or 12.	There's a lot of crime.

How are *a lot, any* and *none* similar?

A= are similar in that they are used for plural quantifiers



A Write answers to these questions about your neighborhood.

1. Is there much parking?
2. Are there many apartment buildings?
3. How much traffic is there?
4. How many drugstores are there?
5. Is there much noise?
6. Are there many shopping malls?
7. Is there much pollution?
8. How many fast-food restaurants are there?



1. Yes , there is
2. No, there aren't
3. There is a Little
4. There are a few
5. Yes, there is
6. Yes there are
7. No they isn't
8. There are a few



Possible answers

1. Yes, there's a lot. There's a little. No, there isn't much/any. No, there's none.
2. Yes, there are a lot/many. There are a few. No, there aren't any. No, there are none.
3. There's a little/slightly. There isn't much/any.
4. There are a lot/many. There are a few. There aren't any. There are none.
5. Yes, there's a lot. There's a little. No, there isn't much/any. No, there's none.
6. Yes, there are a lot/many. There are a few. No, there aren't any. No, there are none.
7. There is a lot's little/none. There isn't much/any.
8. There are a lot/many. There are a few. There aren't any. There are none.