

Local community & Place where I live

Exercise 1. Read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C, or D) best completes each gap. There is one example.

Where did you grow up?

Read some of our readers' stories.

I have a lot of great memories of the house 0. _____ I grew up. Now we live 1. _____ the suburbs, but when I was little, my dad got a job in the countryside and we lived in a big old house on the 2. _____ of a village. We lived there for ten years and I used to go to the village school. We were 3. _____ the sea and my friends and I often explored the beach and the caves in the cliffs. The area is famous 4. _____ its beaches and white cliffs and it was the 5. _____ for a popular TV series last year!

I loved that old house. Some people think it's lonely to be in the countryside, but I 6. _____ being on my 7. _____ sometimes. If I felt 8. _____, I could go up to my bedroom and look out of the window. I had a breath-taking 9. _____ from there across the fields and to the sea. It was very relaxing and made me feel better. I was really unhappy when we 10. _____ to the town!

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| 0. A. which | B. whose | C. where | D. who |
| 1. A. on | B. in | C. by | D. over |
| 2. A. side | B. centre | C. edge | D. part |
| 3. A. at | B. over | C. close | D. near |
| 4. A. of | B. on | C. with | D. for |
| 5. A. plot | B. setting | C. place | D. soundtrack |
| 6. A. wanted | B. decided | C. hoped | D. enjoyed |
| 7. A. alone | B. self | C. own | D. single |
| 8. A. miserable | B. proud | C. crowded | D. famous |
| 9. A. scene | B. sight | C. view | D. picture |
| 10. A. changed | B. transported | C. moved | D. travelled |

Exercise 2. Complete the gaps with the correct words from the box. You don't need to use all the words.

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| bike rack | crossing | pavement | bus stop |
| rubbish bin | seats | art gallery | sports centre |
| swimming pool | skate park | department store | apartment blocks |

Cities with art at their heart

In the past, the only place to find colour and design was in an 1. _____. But now design is coming to the streets ... When you wait at the 2. _____ on your daily journey to school, you can admire the artwork painted on the side. The end of a cycle ride can make you smile with a 3. _____ that looks like a comb. Even the grey concrete 4. _____ we walk on is changing. As you go along, you can see 3D art, adverts and even poetry. And 5. _____ in the street don't have to be made of wood, all brown and boring. Now places to sit appear in a variety of shapes, colours and sizes. Buildings are becoming more interesting, too. Imagine shopping in a futuristic 6. _____ like Selfridges in Birmingham! And which of the 7. _____ below do you prefer?



ANSWER KEY
Exercise 1.

1. B 2. C 3. D 4. D 5. B
 6. D 7. C 8. A 9. C 10. C

Exercise 2.

1. art gallery 2. bus stop 3. bike rack
 4. pavement 5. seats 6. department store 7. apartment blocks

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| Word | Pronunciation | Meaning |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| art gallery (n) | / 'ɑ: t ɡæləri / | triển lãm nghệ thuật |
| artwork (n) | / 'ɑ: twɜ:k / | tác phẩm nghệ thuật |
| bike rack (np) | / 'baɪk ˌræk / | giá đỡ xe đạp (ở bãi đỗ xe) |
| breath-taking (adj) | / 'breθteɪkɪŋ / | đẹp tuyệt vời, đẹp đến ngỡ ngàng |
| cliff (n) | / klɪf / | vách đá, vách núi |
| concrete (adj) | / 'kɒŋkri:t / | (làm bằng) bê-tông |
| miserable (adj) | / 'mɪzrəbl / | khổ sở, khốn đốn |
| futuristic (adj) | / ˌfju:tʃə'rɪstɪk / | (thuộc về) tương lai |
| skate park (np) | / 'skeɪtpɑ:k / | sân trượt ván |
| (be) on my own | | một mình |