

Unit 3

Your Neighborhood

- around
- neighbors
- don't
- things
- get
- usually
- mansion
- would
- neighborhood
- your



Audio Track 3

Conversation Interview Questions Fill in the blanks with the above word choices. Listen to the interview. Write or circle the answers you hear next to the questions. Question translations are on page 121.

1. Do you live _____ here? *about (35 / 45 / 55) minutes from here, in Kashiba*
2. What's your _____ like? *(residential / presidential) area*
3. Can you tell me about your _____? *My neighbors are (_____).*
4. What's _____ home like? *It's a (_____) house.
Um..., kind of (_____) style.*
5. What are some fun _____ to do in your neighborhood?
6. How do you _____ to school?
7. What do you _____ do on your commute to school?
8. What's something you _____ like about your neighborhood? *Um..., it's a little (_____).
In the summer it's really (_____) and (_____).*
9. Where _____ you like to live in the future?
10. Would you like to live in a _____ someday?

Correct Questions: /10

Correct Answers: /10

Useful Vocabulary

studio apartment 1ルームマンション

apartment マンション

high-rise apartment building 高層マンション

condominium 分譲マンション

mansion 豪邸

in good shape 体を鍛えてある

out of shape 体を鍛えていない

urban 都会の

rural 田舎の

in the countryside 田舎で

neighbors 近所の人

next door neighbor 隣に住んでいる人

the neighbor across the street

通りの向かいに住んでいる人

bike 自転車・オートバイ

bicycle 自転車

motorbike オートバイ

scooter スクーター

Something's Not Quite Right!

Try to find out what is **STRANGE** or **INCORRECT** about the following sentences.

I'm a poor university student. X I live in a one-room mansion.



I live in a _____.

X Can you teach me where you live?

Can you _____ me where you live?

A: What's he like? X B: He likes exercising.

B: He's (in good shape / muscle / exercise).

Exercises

The following sentences are possible answers to the **INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**.

Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate words from the list.

apartment
funin Tokyo
mansionneighbors
readride
the universitytrucks
urban

- Yeah, I live very close to _____.
- I live in an _____ area.
- I don't really know my _____ very well.
- We live on the 14th floor of a high-rise _____ building.
- There are a lot of _____ things to do in my town.
- I _____ my bike to school.
- I usually study or _____ a book.
- It's a little dirty and there are a lot of _____ and buses.
- I'd love to live _____ someday.
- I don't think I'd like to live in a _____.

correct

/10

3 Your Neighborhood

A: American Man
B: Japanese Woman

A: Good morning, Yuna.
B: Good morning, William.
What's up?
A: Nothing much. What's up with you?
B: Nothing really..., just getting ready for today's interview. You ready?
A: Yep!

A: (1) Do you live around here?

B: I live about 45 minutes from here, in Kashiba, Nara.
A: Kashiba? Small town?
B: Yeah, pretty small, but it's very nice.

A: (2) What's your neighborhood¹ like²?

B: It's mostly a residential area³. There are also a lot of farms and mountains.
A: Sounds very peaceful and quiet.
B: Yeah, it's nice but it can be a little boring.

A: (3) Can you tell me about your neighbors⁴?

B: Sure. My neighbors are pretty friendly. We always chat when we see each other. We even used to⁵ barbecue together when I was little.
A: That's cool. You don't barbecue together anymore?
B: Not so much. I guess I'm kind of busy now.
A: OK.

A: (4) What's your home like?

B: It's a two-story house⁶. Um..., kind of western style. We do have a little tatami room, though.
A: Do you have a yard⁷?
B: Yeah. That's where we used to barbecue. My mom has a garden and she grows some vegetables and flowers.
A: Sounds nice. I live in a little

apartment⁸ in the city. The view outside my window is a big, concrete wall. (haha)

A: (5) What are some fun things to do in your neighborhood?

B: Uh...,⁹ nothing really. It's kind of boring. So, I usually hang out¹⁰ in Osaka with my friends.
A: What do you do in Osaka?
B: Um...,¹¹ usually just go to a restaurant or go shopping. Sometimes we'll go to a movie.
A: Sounds good.

A: (6) How do you get to school?

B: I take the train.
A: How long is the ride?
B: About 30, 35 minutes. The station is a bit far from campus, though. It takes about 15 minutes to walk.
A: Well, I guess that's good exercise.

A: (7) What do you usually do on your commute¹² to school?

B: I usually just listen to music.
A: Oh, yeah? Who do you like?
B: Well, recently I'm getting into¹³ some classic rock, like The Rolling Stones and The Beatles.
A: That's cool.

A: (8) What's something you don't like about your neighborhood?

B: Um..., it's a little boring! In the summer it's really hot and humid¹⁴. The cicadas¹⁵ are really annoying¹⁶, too.
A: Yeah, they can be really loud¹⁷ sometimes.

A: (9) Where would you like to live in the future?

B: Hawaii would be nice!
A: Yeah, I'd love to live there too!
B: I'd need a good job, though. I hear¹⁸ it's very expensive.

A: Yeah, it must cost a lot to live there.

A: (10) Would you like to live in a mansion¹⁹ someday?

B: Like a real mansion, with chandeliers²⁰ and stuff²¹?
A: Yeah, like a super rich house.
B: Sure! Why not? If I became super rich, I'd buy a mansion in Hawaii.
A: Could I come and visit you?
B: Of course! You could live there as the pool boy²²! (haha)
A: (Haha) OK! Yeah! That sounds great.

Tapescript Vocabulary

- 1 近隣・近所
- 2 ーのような
- 3 住宅街
- 4 近所の人々
- 5 ーしたりするほどだった
- 6 2階建ての家
- 7 庭
- 8 マンション
- 9 あー・ええと、
- 10 集まって一緒に過ごす
- 11 うーん・ええと
- 12 通学する
- 13 ーに興味を持つようになる
- 14 蒸し暑い
- 15 セミ
- 16 うっとおしい
- 17 とてもうるさい
- 18 (聞くとところによると) ーらしい
- 19 豪邸
- 20 シャンデリア
- 21 ーなど (and suchよりカジュアル)
- 22 プール係

