

The English Gym

SELF-STUDY GUIDELINES

UNIT 3: YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD



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Your Neighborhood

STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS

STUDY TIME: 90 MINUTES

You will need your textbook: The English Gym

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The screenshot shows a worksheet for Unit 3, titled "Your Neighborhood". It includes a vocabulary list with words like "around", "don't", "get", "mansion", "neighborhood", "neighbors", "things", "usually", "would", and "your". There is a photo of a man in a red jacket and sunglasses. Below the photo is an "Audio Track 3" icon. The main section is "Conversation Interview Questions" with 10 numbered questions for a listening exercise. At the bottom, it shows "Correct Questions: /10" and "Correct Answers: /10".

Unit 3 Your Neighborhood

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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 Koshika
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 _____? 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**

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Page 26 Listening

Step 1:

Fill in the blanks with words from the list.

Step 2:

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Listen to audio track 3.

Check the questions and also write or circle the answers that you hear on the right side.

(You will check the answers later.)

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Step 1: Useful Vocabulary

Study these words.
(Be careful of the words outlined in red.)

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).



Step 2: Something's Not Quite Right

Try to correct the sentences.

Exercises

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

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

apartment	in Tokyo	neighbors	ride	trucks
fun	mansion	read	the university	urban

1. Yeah, I live very close to _____.

2. I live in an _____ area.

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Step 3: Exercises

Fill in the blanks with the words from the list. These sentences are possible answers to the questions on page 26.



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

correct

/10

Reading: One student reads the interview questions, another reads the above answers.

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Page 28 Tapescript

Step 1: Look at the words in red and check the definitions.

Step 2: Read the tapescript aloud.
(You can listen again to the audio and try to read at the same time.)

Check your answers from page 26.

≡ 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 どのような
- 3 住宅街
- 4 近所の人々
- 5 べっ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 べ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 (聞くところによると)
- 19 豪邸
- 20 シャンデリア
- 21 へなど
- 22 プール係

ではクラスメート同士が会話する番です。インタビューの各質問を、順次文法に質問し、答えます。単語での回答はなるべく避けて下さい。一般的に長い回答の方がよいです。コメントを加えたり、リアクションするように心がけよう。相手からもっと情報を引き出せるように、追加の質問をしよう。下のスペースに相手の答えをメモするのを忘れないように。*どんな追加の質問をしようか困ったら、左ページの会話文の例を見てみよう。*

追加の質問の例: Why?...? What kind...? Where...? How often...? Did you...? Was it...? Like what...? What else? How about you? (+ 最初の質問) etc.

コメントやリアクションの例: Oh, really? That's great! That's cool. That's great! Me, too. You're kidding. No way! That sounds funny. That sounds nice. Uh-huh. Yeah. Sure. Right. I see. Really?

Partner's Name:

	Partner's Answers	Extra Information
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12	/	

My Questions

Write two more questions about the topic.

If you have a partner, please have a conversation together. If you don't have a partner, write your own answers.

Try your best to speak in English!

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Step 2: Write a dialogue using one of the interview questions as a starting point. Try to use new vocabulary. Try to make the conversation funny or interesting in some way. Make sure you have comments, reactions, and follow-up questions. Write at least 150 words.

Example

A: So, Taro, what's your home like?

B: Well, in live on the 14th floor of a high-rise apartment building.

A: That's cool. You must have a pretty nice view!

B: Yeah, the view is beautiful.

A:..... (write 150 words)

Classmate Conversation Interview!

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Our Conversation: Work with a partner and write a conversation based on today's unit. Use some of the questions from the interview and vocabulary from the unit. This will be performed in front of the class.

My Questions

Write two more questions about the topic.

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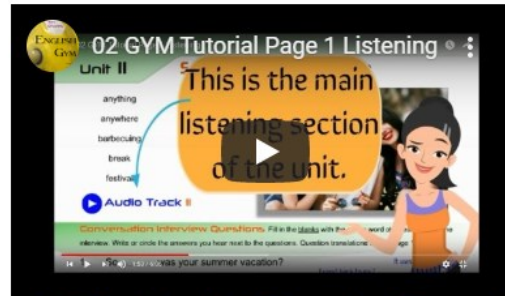


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