

UNIT 7

MY NEIGHBORHOOD

GETTING STARTED.

Match the names of places found in a neighborhood with the pictures.

grocery store

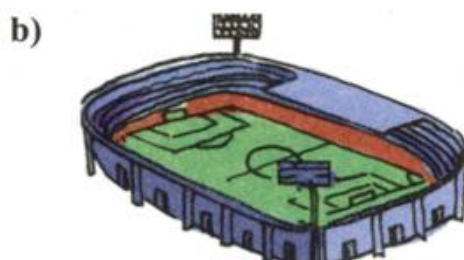
hairdresser's

drugstore

swimming-pool

stadium

wet market



LISTEN AND READ.

Nam: Hi. My name's Nam.

Na: Hello. Nice to meet you, Nam. I'm Na.

Nam: Are you new around here?

Na: Yes. We've been here since last week.

Nam: I'm sure you'll like this neighborhood.

Na: I hope so. How long have you lived here?

Nam: Oh, we've lived here for about 10 years.

Na: You must know the area very well.

Nam: I do.

Na: Is there a restaurant close by? My mother is too tired to cook tonight.

Nam: There is one just around the corner.

Na: What is the food like?

Nam: It's very good. We like to eat there. It serves Hue food and the pancakes are delicious. You should try them.

Na: I will. Thanks.

1. Practice the dialogue with a partner.

2. Complete the sentences. Use the words from the dialogue.

- a) Na is _____ to the neighborhood.
- b) She and her family arrived _____.
- c) Na's mother is very _____.
- d) There is a _____ in the area.
- e) The restaurant serves food from _____.
- f) Nam thinks the _____ are tasty.

SPEAK .

1. Practice the dialogue with a partner.

Clerk: Next, please!

Mrs. Kim: I want to send this parcel to Quy Nhon.

Clerk: Do you want to send it airmail or surface mail?

Mrs. Kim: I'm not sure. How much is airmail?



- Clerk:** I'll have to weigh the parcel first. Mmm.
Five kilograms. That'll be 32,500 dong.
- Mrs. Kim:** Oh! That's expensive.
- Clerk:** Surface mail is much cheaper. It's only 19,200 dong.
- Mrs. Kim:** That's better. I'll send it surface.
- Clerk:** All right.

2. Look at the following brochure and the information in the box. Make similar dialogues.

letter / Kon Tum / surface mail / 20g
postcard / Ho Chi Minh City / airmail / 15g
parcel / Ca Mau / airmail / 2kg
parcel / Buon Ma Thuot / surface mail / 5kg

Surface Mail		
Item	Weight	Charges (VND)
Letter	20g	800
Postcard	25g	800
Parcel	5kg	19,200

Airmail		
Item	Weight	Charges (VND)
Letter	15g	1,200
Postcard	15g	1,200
Parcel	2kg	13,000



LISTEN.

Na is new to the neighborhood. She's talking with Nam about what she's going to do on the weekend. Look at the advertisement of "What's on this week?".

1. Listen to the conversation. Then fill the blank in each of the advertisement with one phrase from the box.

Town Ground
The Newcomer

English Speaking Contest
Culture House



2. Listen to the conversation again and check (✓) the correct box for True, False or No Information.

	True	False	No Information
a) Na does not know the neighborhood very well.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Na doesn't like movies.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Na will go to the photo exhibition this weekend.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Na won't go to the English speaking contest.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Na will go to the soccer match with Nam.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Nam is a soccer fan.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

READ .

A new shopping mall is opening in Nam's neighborhood today. It is very different from the present shopping area. All the shops are under one roof. That will be very convenient, especially during the hot and humid summer months. Customers will shop in comfort and won't notice the weather.

Some people in the neighborhood, however, are not happy about the changes. The owners of the small stores on Tran Phu Street think the mall will take their business. Some of the goods in the new stores will be the same as the ones in the small shops, but the stores in the mall will offer a wider selection of products, some at cheaper prices.

The residents and store owners have been concerned about the new mall for a few months. They have organized a community meeting in order to discuss the situation.

Opening today !

Tran Phu Shopping Mall
Everything under one roof

- * 50 air-conditioned specialty stores
- * 4 movie theaters
- * 10 restaurants
- * children's play area

Open daily 8 am - 10 pm

Special discounts during the first two weeks!
Come and bring your friends!

1. True or false? Check (✓) the boxes. Then correct the false sentences and write them in your exercise book.

	T	F
a) The mall is open six days a week.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) There are more than 50 stores in the mall.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Everyone in the neighborhood is pleased about the new mall.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) It will be more comfortable to shop in the mall than in the present shopping area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Some of the stores on Tran Phu Street may have to close.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Answer.

- What is special about the new shopping mall?
- What facilities are available in the shopping mall?
- What do the small store owners think about the new shopping mall?
- What kinds of goods will the stores in the mall offer?

WRITE.

Tran Phu Street Residents and Store Owners
MEETING TO DISCUSS EFFECTS OF NEW MALL
Date: May 20 Time: 8.00 pm
Place: Binh's Hardware Store, 12 Hang Da Street.
Please contact Pham Van Tai at the above address for more information.

1. Read the community notice.

2. Use the similar format to write a notice about the English Speaking contest below.

The school English Speaking Club is going to hold a speaking contest to celebrate the Teachers' Day. The contest will be at Hall 204, Building G, from 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm on November 15. The person to contact is Tran Thi Thu Hang of class 8H.

3. Write one or two notices about your class meeting and / or your Sports Club meeting.

Language Focus

- Present perfect with *for* and *since*
- Comparison with *like*, (not) *as ... as*; (not) *the same as*; *different from*

1. Match each verb to its past participle.

be	•	gone	•	see	•	collected	•
go	•	lived	•	do	•	seen	•
eat	•	attended	•	write	•	done	•
live	•	been	•	work	•	written	•
attend	•	eaten	•	collect	•	worked	•

2. Complete the expressions. Use *for* or *since*.

- *for* a period of time
for five months

- *since* a point of time
since Tuesday

... five minutes
... January
... 1990
... the summer

... three hours
... 10 weeks
... Friday
... 20 years

3. Complete the sentences. Use the present perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

- I *have lived* here since last week. (live)
- We _____ in that restaurant for two years. (not eat)
- I _____ her since yesterday. (not see)
- They _____ Quang Trung School since last year. (attend)
- My dad _____ for his company for 20 years. (work)
- Ba _____ stamps since 1995. (collect)

4. Complete the conversation. Use the correct form of the verbs in the box.

hope be (3) live see look want

Ba: Hi. My name's Ba.

Tom: Nice to meet you, Ba. I'm Tom.

Ba: Are you a newcomer here?

Tom: Yes. I (1) _____ here since last week.

Ba: I'm sure you'll love this place.

Tom: I (2) _____ so. How long _____ you (3) _____ here?

Ba: For 15 years.

Tom: So you must know the area very well. (4) _____ there a post office near here?

Ba: Yes. There's one next to my house. Why?

Tom: Ah! I (5) _____ to send this postcard to my parents.

Ba: Let me have a look. Oh! It (6) _____ very beautiful. Where's your house?

Tom: In London. _____ you ever (7) _____ there?

Ba: Not yet. But I (8) _____ it through films and magazines. I'm going there with my father next summer.

Tom: That's great. I hope to see you again over there.

5. Look at the pictures. Complete the sentences. Use the words in the box. You will have to use some words more than once.

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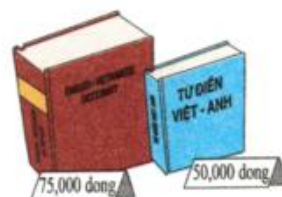
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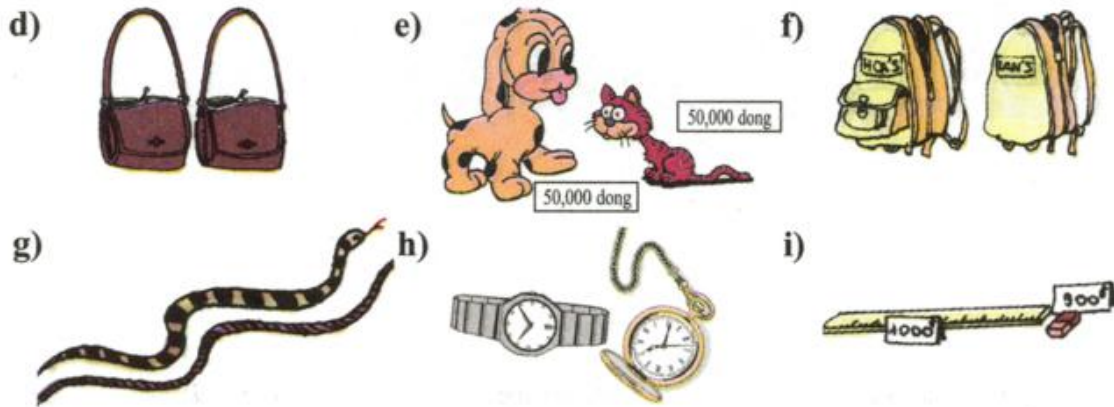


b)



c)





- a) The magazine is *not as large as* the newspaper.
- b) Lipton tea is *different from* Dilmah tea.
- c) The red dictionary is _____ the blue dictionary.
- d) The bag on the left is _____ the bag on the right.
- e) The toy cat is _____ the toy dog.
- f) Hoa's backpack is _____ Lan's backpack.
- g) The snake is _____ the rope.
- h) The pocket-watch is _____ the wristwatch.
- i) The ruler is _____ the eraser.