

Hometowns and Living Preferences

Welcome to Talk Time!

How are you? How was your week?
Discuss the idiom of the week – “Stand out”



Let’s get started

What is a hometown?

- A hometown is the place where you were born, the place where you grew up, and/or the place that *feels* like home.

When you think about your hometown, what four things stand out to you? **Draw four things in the squares below** (see the example on the left).

<p>The beach and the woods</p> 	<p>My friend, Ramie</p> 
<p>The fair</p> 	<p>Cows</p> 

In pairs, discuss the questions below.

1. Where is your hometown? Is it in the city, in the countryside, or in a small town?
2. Describe your four drawings. What is significant about each drawing?
3. What is one positive memory you have of your hometown? Please describe the memory (who was there, what happened, how did you feel?).

Share something from your conversation with the group.

Conversation skills

As we discuss, let’s ask each other questions using the words *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why*, and *how*. Let’s also use the phrase “Tell me more.” The best questions are the questions YOU ask!

Discussion: Discuss these questions as a group.

What do the people in your hometown do for recreation?

Does your hometown have any festivals? What happens at the festivals?

How is the weather in your hometown? What is the best time or season to visit your hometown?

Is any farming done in your hometown? Is so, what crops are grown?
What animals are raised?

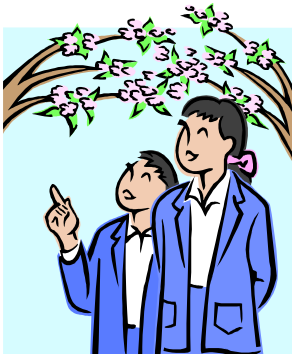


What problems does your hometown have? What crimes are most common?

Describe the population of your hometown. Are there a lot of young people? Are there a lot of older people? Is your hometown ethnically diverse?

How do the people in your hometown treat strangers? How do they treat people who look different?

Do you have friends or family members who still live in your hometown? Do you talk to them? Why are they still there, and why did you move away?



Do you think that your hometown is a good place to grow up? Why or why not?

What are some things you would change about your hometown? What do you wish had been different in your town when you were a child?

What do you think makes a good hometown for children and families?

Would you want to raise a child in the same hometown where you grew up? Why or why not?

How did your hometown influence you or affect the person you are now?

Did you move frequently when you were a child? If so, why? How did you feel (sad, excited, etc.)?

What do you like about where you live now? What do you dislike about where you live now?

How do you choose a place to live? What is most important to you (safety, good schools, etc.)?

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you live? Would you rather live in the city or in the countryside?

Group Reflection:

What did you learn today? What did you learn about yourself or someone in the group? What do you want to talk about next week?