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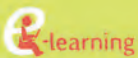
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# Neighborhoods, Cities, and Towns

## In This Chapter

Do you live in a big or a small city? In Part 1 of this chapter, you will read about very big cities around the world. You will discuss likes and dislikes about cities. In Part 2, you will read about a student's neighborhood and discuss your own. You will practice reading a map of a large, famous city in Part 3. In Part 4, you will practice Chapter 1 vocabulary, work with opposites and pronouns, and do a crossword puzzle. Last, in Part 5, you will practice making simple sentences.

“What is the city but the people?”

—William Shakespeare  
English playwright (1564–1616)



## Connecting to the Topic

- 1 What do you see in this photo?
- 2 Name ten adjectives to describe this city.
- 3 Do you like big or small cities? Explain why.



## Part 1 Reading Skills and Strategies

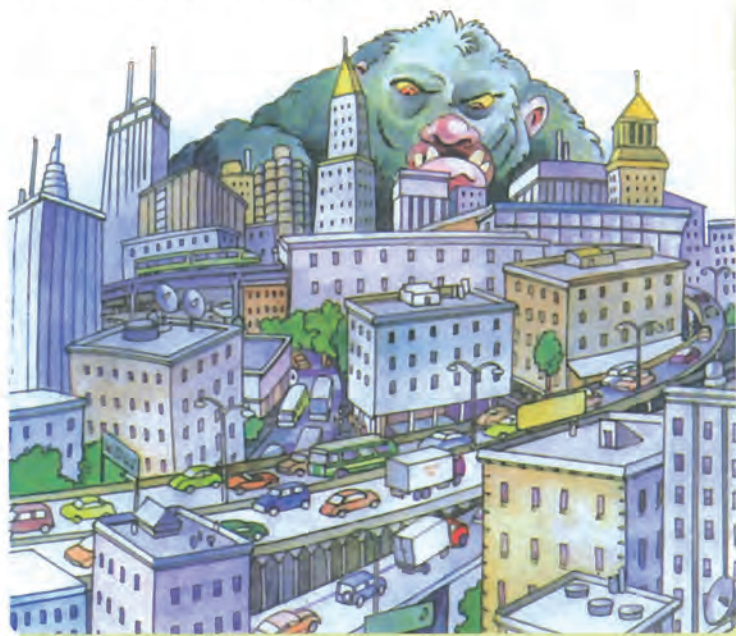
### Monster Cities

#### Before You Read



**1 Thinking About the Topic** Discuss these questions with a partner.

1. Look at the picture below. What do you see?
2. Describe your home city or town. What do you like about it?
3. What do you like about cities? What do you dislike?



▲ Do you live in a monster city?

#### Strategy

##### Scanning

You can scan a reading to find information quickly. Follow these steps to scan:

- Know the information that you want to find.
- Look for that information.
- Move your eyes quickly across the words. Don't read every word.

You will practice scanning throughout the book when you look for specific information and details.



**2 Previewing Vocabulary** Read the words in the list. They are words from the next reading. Listen to their pronunciation. Do not look them up in a dictionary. Check (✓) the words that you know.

**Nouns**

- cities (city)
- countries (country)
- crime
- density
- megacity
- monster

- people
- population

**Verbs**

- growing
- move
- work

**Adjectives**

- small
- afraid
- busy
- crowded
- different
- dirty
- large
- terrible
- wonderful

### Strategy

**Understanding New Words: Look for *Is* and *Are***

You do not always need to use a dictionary to find the meaning of a new word. Sometimes the meaning of a new word comes after the word *is* or *are* in the sentence.

**Example**

Population **is** the number of people in a city or country.  
 (Population = the number of people in a city or country.)

**3 Understanding New Words with *Is*** The meanings of these words are in the next article. Find the words and circle their meanings.

monster

megacity

density

### Read



**4 Reading an Article** Read the following article. Then do the exercises.

## Monster Cities

A Are big **cities** **wonderful** places? Are they **terrible**? There are **different** ideas about this. William H. Whyte writes books about cities. He is happy in a **crowded** city. He likes **busy** streets with many stores and many **people**. He likes the life in city parks and restaurants.

- B Many people don't like big cities. They see the **large population** cities, and they are **afraid**. Many cities are **growing** very fast. They are "**monster**" cities. (A monster is a big, terrible thing.) In some **countries**, there are no jobs in **small** towns. People go to cities to **work**. For example, 300,000 people go to São Paulo, Brazil, every year. In China, about 183,000 people **move** to Beijing from the countryside every year. São Paulo and Beijing are both **megacities**. 10
- C A **megacity** is a very, very big city. It includes the main city and the cities and towns around it. Mexico City is a megacity. It has a population of about 8,600,000 in the city itself, but there are more than 21,000,000 people in the megacity. Tokyo is another megacity, with over 8,200,000 people in Tokyo, but over 31,000,000 in Tokyo and the cities around it. London is another megacity. There are about 7,400,000 people in London, and about 18,400,000 in London and the surrounding towns and cities. 15
- D There are problems in all cities. There are big (or *mega*) problems in a megacity. In many U.S. cities, there are many people with no jobs and no homes. The air is **dirty**. There are too many cars. A terrible problem is crime. Many people are afraid of crime. People want to feel safe. 20



▲ Map of megacities

- E Population **density** is the number of people in one square mile (2.59 square kilometers). Population density is a big problem in many cities. In Miami, Florida, the density is only 7,748. In Bangkok, Thailand, there are 58,397 people per square mile. Is this crowded? Yes! But other cities are more crowded. Do you think William H. Whyte likes Hong Kong? The population density there is 247,501! 25 30 35

## After You Read

**5 Identifying the Main Ideas** Complete the sentences. Choose the best answer for each blank.

- "Monster Cities" is about \_\_\_\_\_
  - the large number of small cities
  - the number of people in U.S. cities
  - the problems of very big cities

2. Mexico City, Tokyo, and Hong Kong are three \_\_\_\_\_
- (A) small cities
- (B) very big, crowded cities
- (C) cities with no crime or dirty air

**6 Checking Vocabulary** Write a word for each definition. Use words from the reading.

1. a big, terrible thing = \_\_\_\_\_
2. a city together with other areas around the city = \_\_\_\_\_
3. the number of people in one square mile = \_\_\_\_\_

**7 Making Good Guesses** Complete the sentence. Choose the best answer.

The word *monster* is in the title ("Monster Cities") because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) the writer is happy in big cities
- (B) some cities are growing too fast, and this is causing terrible problems
- (C) there are people with no jobs and no homes, and they are unhappy



**8 Discussing Ideas From the Reading** Answer these questions with a partner.

- Is your city large or small?
- What is the population?
- What is nice about your city?
- What is a problem in your city?
- Do you like your city? Why or why not?
- Look at the map on page 6. How many megacities are in Asia? In Africa? In Europe? In the Americas?

## UNDERSTANDING LARGE NUMBERS

Look at the words for large numbers below. Read the words out loud with a partner.

150	one hundred fifty
200	two hundred
3,000	three thousand
4,500	four thousand five hundred
5,350	five thousand three hundred fifty
6,475	six thousand four hundred seventy-five
70,000	seventy thousand
80,950	eighty thousand nine hundred fifty
100,000	one hundred thousand
950,632	nine hundred fifty thousand six hundred thirty-two
1,000,000	one million
15,700,000	fifteen million seven hundred thousand
23,570,600	twenty-three million five hundred seventy thousand six hundred





## 9 Understanding Large Numbers: Information Gap Follow t

- Step 1: Work with a partner. One of you is Student A. One is Student B.
- Step 2: Student A looks at this page. Student B looks at page 9.
- Step 3: Follow the directions on your page.

### Student A

- Step 1: Ask your partner the questions below.
- Step 2: Write your partner's answers in the chart.

### Questions

1. What is the population of Shanghai (the megacity)?
2. What is the population of Mumbai (the city)?
3. What is the population of Seoul (the megacity)?
4. What is the population of Dubai (the city)?
5. What is the population of Mexico City (the megacity)?
6. What is the population of New York (the city)?
7. What is the population of London (the megacity)?

Populations of Large Cities		
City, Country	The City (2004)	The Megacity
Shanghai, China	9,005,600	
Mumbai (Bombay), India		17,012,900
Buenos Aires, Argentina	12,116,400	13,076,300
Seoul, Korea	9,630,600	
Dubai, United Arab Emirates		1,511,700
Jakarta, Indonesia	8,827,900	17,891,000
Mexico City, Mexico	8,681,400	
Tokyo, Japan	8,240,100	31,139,900
New York, U.S.A.		21,766,731
London, U.K.	7,417,700	

### Student B

Step 1: Ask your partner the questions below.

Step 2: Write your partner's answers in the chart.

### Questions

1. What is the population of Shanghai (the city)?
2. What is the population of Buenos Aires (the megacity)?
3. What is the population of Dubai (the megacity)?
4. What is the population of Jakarta (the city)?
5. What is the population of Mexico City (the city)?
6. What is the population of Tokyo (the city)?
7. What is the population of New York (the megacity)?

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Seoul, Korea	9,630,600	19,969,100
Dubai, United Arab Emirates	906,100	
Jakarta, Indonesia		17,891,000
Mexico City, Mexico		21,233,900
Tokyo, Japan		31,139,900
New York, U.S.A.	8,085,742	
London, U.K.	7,417,700	11,219,000

## Part 2 Reading Skills and Strategies

### My Neighborhood in the United States

#### Before You Read

- 1 **Thinking About the Topic** Look at the photo on page 10. What kind of neighborhood is this? Busy? Interesting? Crowded? What country do you think it is in?



▲ Does this look like your neighborhood?



**2 Previewing Vocabulary** Read the words in the list. They are words from the next reading. Listen to their pronunciation. Do not look them up in a dictionary. Check (✓) the words that you know.

**Nouns**

- address
- building
- corner
- neighborhood
- neighbors
- oak tree
- olive tree

**Verb**

- live

**Prepositions**

- across
- from
- in
- in front of
- on

**Read**



**3 Reading an Essay** Read the following essay. Then do the exercises.

## My Neighborhood

- A My name is Elena Sanchez. I'm **from** Mexico, but now I **live in** California. I'm a student here in English language classes at a small college.
- B I live in an apartment **building**. It's **on** the **corner** of Olive Street and Sycamore Avenue. My **address** is 2201 Olive Street. There's a big **olive tree in front of** the building. There's a park **across** the street. There are a lot of **oak trees** in the park. The trees are beautiful in the summer.



▲ A neighborhood store in California

- C A lot of my **neighbors** are from different countries. The people next to me are from Indonesia. The family across from the Indonesian family is from Colombia. 10
- D The stores in this **neighborhood** are always busy. There's a Korean drugstore and an Armenian flower shop. A barber shop is next to the flower shop. There are three restaurants on Olive Street: one 15
- E I like my neighborhood, but I ask myself one question. Where are the Americans? 20



### After You Read

#### Culture Note

#### Neighborhoods in Large Cities

Many large cities in North America have neighborhoods with many people from other countries. Two examples are Chinatown in New York City and Koreatown in Los Angeles. Do large cities in your home country have different neighborhoods? What kinds of people live in those neighborhoods?

- 4 **Identifying the Main Idea** What is the main idea of the essay? Choose one answer.

- (A) Elena studies English in a college in California.  
 (B) The people in Elena's neighborhood are from many countries.  
 (C) There are restaurants with food from many countries in Elena's neighborhood.

- 5 **Understanding Details** Read Elena's story again. Then look at the map of her neighborhood. Answer the question on page 12.



▲ Elena's neighborhood

Where are these places? Write the letters from the map on the lines.

1. the Indonesian family's house D
2. the Japanese restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
3. the barber shop \_\_\_\_\_
4. the park \_\_\_\_\_
5. the Colombian family's house \_\_\_\_\_

### DIRECTIONS IN TEXTBOOKS

Read the following directions and look at the examples. You will find directions like these in your textbook exercises.

Directions	Example
1. Circle the word.	<u>building</u>
2. Copy the word.	street <u>street</u>
3. Underline the word.	<u>building</u>
4. Circle the letter of the answer.	Which word is a country? a. Texas <u>b. Mexico</u> c. park
5. Fill in the blank.	My name <u>is</u> Elena.
6. Write your name on the line.	<u>Elena Masquez</u>
7. Correct the mistakes.	She's from <u>Mexico</u> .
8. Choose the best answer.	Which place is a city? <u>A</u> Seoul <u>B</u> Indonesia <u>C</u> Japan

**6 Following Textbook Directions** Now follow these textbook directions.

1. Circle the name of a city.  
Brazil    Indonesia    Tokyo    Egypt
2. Find the name of a person below and copy it.  
Mexico \_\_\_\_\_      California \_\_\_\_\_  
the USA \_\_\_\_\_      Elena \_\_\_\_\_
3. Underline the word for a building.  
I'm at a restaurant now.
4. Circle the letter of a kind of restaurant in Elena's neighborhood.  
a. Chinese    b. Mexican    c. Korean    d. Indonesian
5. Write the name of your country on the line. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Correct the mistakes.  
I live in colomba.

7. Choose the name of a country.

- A Armenian  
 B Italian  
 C Japan  
 D Moroccan

**7 Building Vocabulary** Write the words from the box in the correct places on the chart.

American	flower shop	Korean
apartment building	Indonesia	Mexican
Armenian	Indonesian	Moroccan
barber shop	Italian	oak
Colombia	Japan	olive
drugstore	Japanese	restaurant

Countries	<i>Indonesia,</i>
Trees	<i>oak,</i>
Words that mean <i>from a country or of a country</i>	<i>Italian,</i>
Buildings	<i>restaurant,</i>

**8 Completing Sentences** Fill in each blank with a word from the box.

building	different	neighbors
crowded	front	neighborhood

- This store is always \_\_\_\_\_. There are always lots and lots of people.
- There is a big apartment \_\_\_\_\_ on the corner.
- There are two schools in my \_\_\_\_\_.
- My \_\_\_\_\_ are from Mexico. They're nice people.
- There are two big trees in \_\_\_\_\_ of my house.
- People in my neighborhood are from \_\_\_\_\_ countries.



**9 Discussing the Reading** Discuss these questions with a group.

1. What stores are in your neighborhood?
2. Are there people from different countries in your neighborhood? What countries are they from?
3. Draw a map of your neighborhood. Describe it to your group.

**10 Writing in Your Journal** Choose one topic below. Write about it for five minutes. Use some of the vocabulary that you have learned in this chapter.

- your neighborhood (Describe it.)
- big cities (Do you like them? Why or why not?)
- your favorite city (Describe it.)
- some problems in your city (Describe them.)
- why the population is so big in one city (Choose one city.)

## Part 3 Practical English

### Maps

**1 Reading a Map** Look at the map below. Answer these questions.

1. What is the name of this big city? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What country is this city in? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What do you call people who live in this country? \_\_\_\_\_



▲ London is a megacity.

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