

# 4A

## A nice area



- **Goal:** talk about your city
- **Grammar:** *there is/are*
- **Vocabulary:** places in a city

### Vocabulary and listening

#### 1 Look at photos A-D and discuss the questions.

- 1 What can you see in the photos?
- 2 Do you live in a small or a big place?
- 3 Do you like your home town? Why/Why not?

#### 2 Match the places in the box with pictures a-l.

bus station car park castle garage offices  
police station post office shops sports centre  
stadium theatre train station



#### 3 a 4.1 Listen to the words in Exercise 2 and underline the stressed syllables.

bus station

#### b Listen again and repeat.

#### 4 a Read the descriptions and match them with the places in Exercise 2. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

- 1 You play or watch sport there.
- 2 You buy things there.
- 3 You send letters from there.
- 4 You travel somewhere from there.
- 5 You take your car there when it has a problem.

#### b Choose three other places in Exercise 2. Write a sentence for each one describing what you do there.

#### c Work in pairs. Read your sentences for your partner to guess the place.

#### 5 a 4.2 Listen to someone talking about their city. Which places in Exercise 2 do they talk about?

#### b Listen again and choose the correct alternatives.

- 1 There are *a lot of/some* shops.
- 2 There isn't *a/some* bus station.
- 3 There aren't *any/a* train stations in other parts of town.
- 4 There are *any/a lot of* visitors to the castle.
- 5 There's *some/any* green space near the centre.

Go to page 139 or your app for more vocabulary and practice.





## Grammar

- 6** Read the grammar box and choose the correct alternatives.

### There is/are

Use *There is(n't)/are(n't)* to introduce places and things. Use:

- a** *There is(n't) a/an + <sup>1</sup>singular/plural noun*

*There's a cinema in my area.*

*There isn't a train station in my town.*

- b** *There are some + <sup>2</sup>singular/plural noun*

*There are some big parks in my city.*

- c** Change *some* to *a lot of* + plural noun to describe a <sup>3</sup>small/big quantity.

*There are a lot of little shops.*

- d** *There aren't any + <sup>4</sup>singular/plural noun*


*There aren't any offices in this part of the city.*

- e** *There is some/a lot of + <sup>5</sup>countable/uncountable noun*

*There's some empty space in the centre.*

- 7 a**  **4.3** Listen and notice how the words link together.

- 1 There's a train station.
- 2 There aren't any offices.

- b**  **4.4** Mark the linking in these sentences. Then listen and check.

- 1 There are some cafés.
- 2 There isn't a hospital.
- 3 There are a lot of parks.
- 4 There aren't any garages.

- c** Listen again and repeat.

- 8** Choose the correct alternatives.

I love my city. There <sup>1</sup>*is/are* a lot of places for young people. In the centre, there are <sup>2</sup>*any/some* cafés and there's <sup>3</sup>*a/an* big cinema. There aren't <sup>4</sup>*a/any* shops in my area, but in the centre <sup>5</sup>*there are/there's* a big shopping centre where you can spend time with friends. There <sup>6</sup>*isn't/aren't* a train station but there are <sup>7</sup>*a lot of/any* buses so it's easy to get around. Come and visit!

- 9 a** Complete the sentences with *a, an, some, any* and *lot*.

- 1 There's \_\_\_\_\_ hospital.
- 2 There isn't \_\_\_\_\_ train station.
- 3 There are a \_\_\_\_\_ of garages.
- 4 There are \_\_\_\_\_ cinemas.
- 5 There aren't \_\_\_\_\_ shops.
- 6 There isn't \_\_\_\_\_ police station.
- 7 There are a \_\_\_\_\_ of museums.

- b** Work in pairs. Which of the sentences in Exercise 9a are true where you live?

*There's a hospital but there isn't a police station.*

-  Go to page 122 or your app for more information and practice.

## Speaking

### PREPARE

- 10** Work in pairs. You're moving house and you want to decide which place to move to. Student A: Turn to page 155. Student B: Turn to page 152. Follow the instructions.

### SPEAK

- 11 a** Work in pairs. Talk about Towns A and B. Make notes about your partner's town.
- b** Work in pairs. Decide which of the places you'd like to move to. Use the Useful phrases to help you.

### Useful phrases

Town A is good because there are lots of ...  
What do you think?  
I don't like Town B. There isn't ...  
OK, so Town B?

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# Communication bank

## Lesson 4A

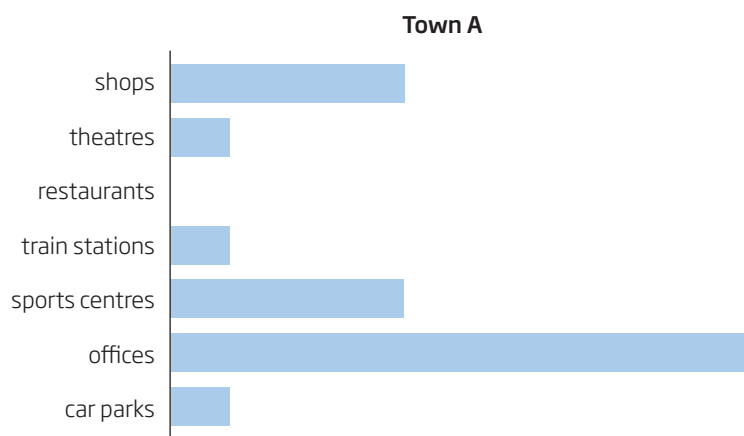
### Exercise 10

#### Student A

Look at the information about Town A.

Plan what to say about how many of each place there are.

*There are some shops.*



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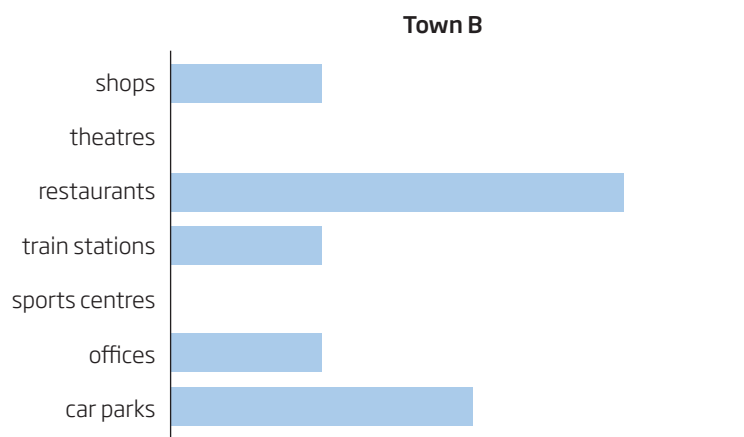
### Exercise 10

#### Student B

Look at the information about Town B.

Plan what to say about how many of each place there are.

*There are some shops*





# Grammar bank

## GRAMMAR

### 4A There is/are with a, an, some, any and a lot of

Singular	+	There	's	a	park in my city.
	-		isn't	an	office building near the park.
	?	Is there a hospital in your town?			+ Yes, there is.
					- No, there isn't.
Plural	+	There	are	some	train stations.
				a lot of	little shops in the centre.
	-		aren't	any	restaurants in my area.
	?	Are there any museums?			+ Yes, there are.
					- No, there aren't.

Use *There is/are* to say things and places exist.

*There's a post office in the street.*

*There are four pens in my bag.*

Use *There isn't/aren't* to say things and places don't exist.

*There isn't a train station in my town.*

*There aren't any books on my desk.*

Use *a/an* with singular nouns.

*There's a garage. There's an office.*

Use *some* with plural nouns.

*There are some shops at the end of the street.*

Use *any* with plural things and places which don't exist.

*There aren't any taxis around at night.*

*There aren't any restaurants in this street.*

Use *a lot of* for a large quantity.

*There are a lot of people in the station at this time.*

Use *not a lot of* for a small quantity.

*There aren't a lot of museums here.*

Use *There is + some/a lot of + uncountable nouns*, and

*There isn't + any + uncountable nouns.*

*There's some empty space in the centre.*

*There isn't any milk in your coffee.*

## PRACTICE

### 4A A Choose the correct alternatives.

- There's *a/an* big train station in the centre.
- There aren't *some/any* offices in this building.
- Is there *a lot of/a* zoo in your city?
- There *is/are* a lot of cinemas.
- There *isn't/aren't* a police station in this town.
- Is/Are* there any parks where you live?
- There are *some/a* museums in the old part of the city.
- There are *a lot of/any* buses in the city.
- There are *any/some* nice cafés here.
- There *are/aren't* any buses today.
- There's *lot of/a lot of* traffic today.
- Is there/ There is* a train station here?

### B Complete the text.

I live in a very small town in the countryside. There's <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ small shop in the centre where you can buy basic things but there <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ a lot of things in the shop. There <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ a lot of very old houses. I think they're beautiful. There aren't <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ buses and there isn't <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ train station, so you need a car to go anywhere. There <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ a really nice restaurant and a lot of visitors come to the town and eat there. In the area around the town, there <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ some nice places to walk and take photographs, so a lot <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ people come here. Sometimes there isn't <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ space to park your car.

# Vocabulary bank

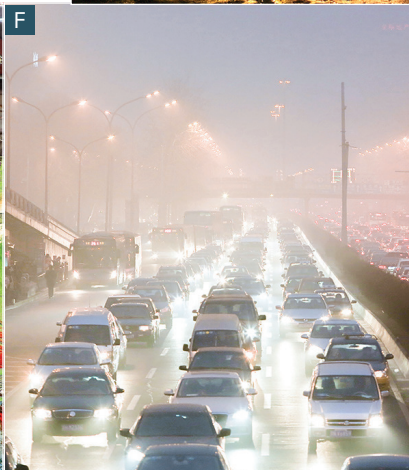
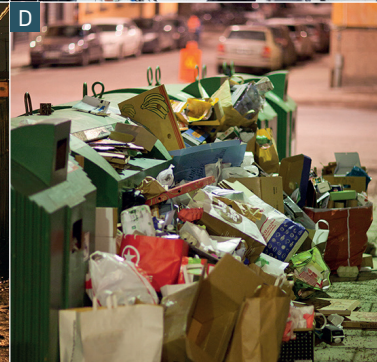
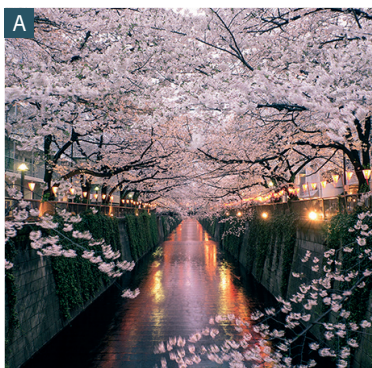
## 4A Describing places

**1 a** Match adjectives 1–10 with photos A–J.

- 1 crowded
- 2 dangerous
- 3 modern
- 4 dirty
- 5 quiet
- 6 noisy
- 7 pretty
- 8 rainy
- 9 safe
- 10 polluted

**b** Work in pairs. Use adjectives in Exercise 1a to describe your town or city.

*My town is very safe – it's not dangerous.*

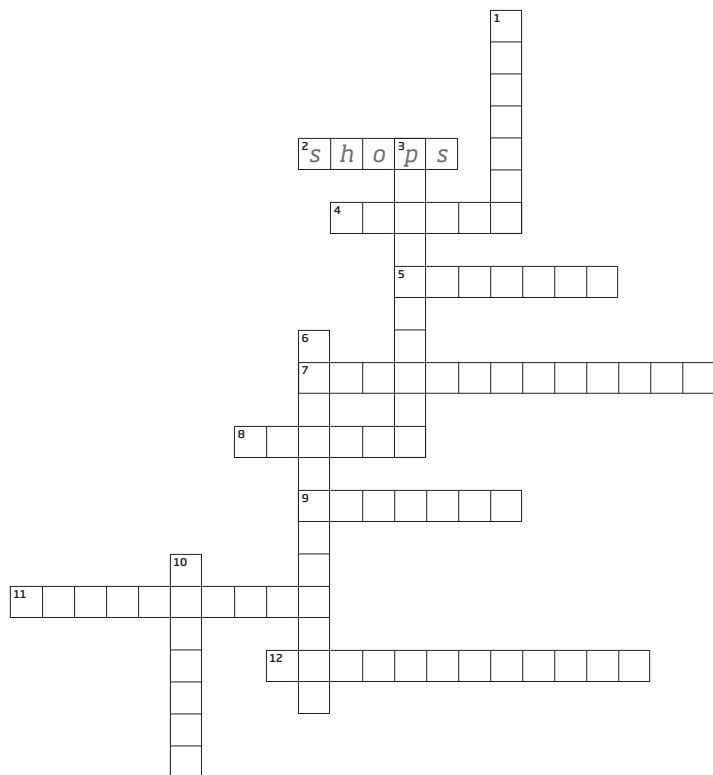




## Vocabulary

### Places in a city

- 1 Put the letters in the clues in the correct order to complete the crossword.



#### Across

- 2 spesh  
4 steacl  
5 fifosec  
7 ploice notiastr  
8 raggae  
9 maduits  
11 sub natiastr  
12 nitar stontia

#### Down

- 1 treathe  
3 stop cioffe  
6 strops trence  
10 rac prak

- 2 Match ten of the words in Exercise 1 with the descriptions.

- 1 You send letters there. ....  
2 You buy things there. ....  
3 You watch musicals there. ....  
4 You travel by train there. ....  
5 You travel by bus there. ....  
6 It's a very, very old building. ....  
7 You take your car there for repairs. ....  
8 Famous football teams play there. ....  
9 You can swim or exercise there. ....  
10 People work at desks there. ....

## Grammar

### there is/are

- 3 Choose the correct alternatives.

I hate my town, it's really boring. There aren't <sup>1</sup>a/any cinemas or theatres and it's very small. There <sup>2</sup>re/s a shop, but it's very small and there <sup>3</sup>isn't/aren't any nice things in it. There are <sup>4</sup>a/any lot of cars in the town, so there <sup>5</sup>re/s a lot of air pollution. However, there are <sup>6</sup>some/any nice parks near my house. I often play football there with my friends and there's <sup>7</sup>a/some nice football pitch. I'd like to move to a big city though.

- 4 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences or questions.

1 any / town / There / aren't / my / in / offices / .

There aren't any offices in my town.

2 some / house / There / my / near / are / shops / .

3 shops / village / Are / your / any / there / in / ?

4 a post office / There / isn't / near / me / .

5 town / There / a police station / isn't / my / in / .

6 your / Is / there / a train station / in / town / ?

7 There / shops / are / of / lot / a / .

8 over / There's / there / a garage / .

9 your / any / shops / good / Are / there / town / in / ?

10 Is / a car park / there / near / the bank / ?

- 5 Use the prompts to write sentences with *there is/are*.

1 lot / museums / London.

There are a lot of museums in London.

2 not / places for young people.

3 cinema / my town.

4 not / police station / near here.

5 train station / next to my office.

6 not / theatre / my city.

7 not / garages / this area.