


A1 TEENS · LESSON 32

In My Town

there's a park, a shop & a school

Learn the names of places in town, and use there is / there are and prepositions to say what is in your town and where it is. Read a story, do the exercises, describe your town, and write your own.

 45 minutes

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 Places in town

 Where is it?

Name: _____

Class: _____

Date: _____

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WARM-UP

Think before you start

Before the lesson, ask yourself...

Take a minute. You don't need to write the answers — just think or tell a partner.

1. Is there a park near your house?

2. What is your favourite place in your town?

3. Where do you buy your food?

4. Is your town big or small? What is there in it?

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LANGUAGE FOCUS

Places in town & "where is it?"

Places in town

Here are the most common places in a town. Say each one out loud!



park



school



shop



library



restaurant



hospital



bank



café



cinema



bus stop

Saying what is in your town

We use **there is** for one place and **there are** for two or more.

✔ POSITIVE

There is (There's) + a + one place = There's a park.

There are + two/three + places = There are two schools.

✗ NEGATIVE

There isn't + a + place = There isn't a cinema.

There aren't + any + places = There aren't any banks.

? QUESTION

Is there + a + place ? = Is there a library? — Yes, there is.

"Where is it?" — prepositions of place

To say **where** a place is, we use these small words. We answer with **It's...**

next to

The bank is next to the shop.

opposite

The park is opposite the school.

between

The café is between the bank and the shop.

near

The bus stop is near my house.

on the corner

The shop is on the corner.

in the centre

The cinema is in the centre.

QUESTION

ANSWER

Where is the park?

It's next to the school.

Is there a bank near here?

Yes, there is. / No, there isn't.

How many shops are there?

There are three shops.

Useful phrases — learn these by heart!

There's a...

There are...

Is there a...?

Where is the...?

It's next to...

It's near...

in the centre

my favourite place is...

in my town

Words you'll meet in the story

WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
town NOUN	a place with houses, shops, and streets	<i>I live in a small town.</i>
park NOUN	a green place with trees and grass	<i>We play football in the park.</i>
library NOUN	a place where you can read and borrow books	<i>I study at the library.</i>
shop NOUN	a place where you buy things	<i>There is a new shop in town.</i>
square NOUN	an open space in the middle of a town	<i>The market is in the town square.</i>
street NOUN	a road with houses or shops	<i>My school is on this street.</i>
centre NOUN	the middle of the town	<i>The cinema is in the centre.</i>
near PREPOSITION	close to; not far	<i>The shop is near my house.</i>
opposite PREPOSITION	on the other side; facing	<i>The bank is opposite the park.</i>
quiet ADJECTIVE	with little noise; calm	<i>My town is small and quiet.</i>

Welcome to My Town: "Small but I love it!"

A teenager shows us around her town

It's not a big city, but it has everything a teenager needs. Come for a walk around Emma's town!

The centre of town

Hi! I'm Emma, and I live in a small, **quiet town**. In the **centre**, there is a big **square** with a market on Saturdays. **There is** a small **library** next to the square — I go there to study. Opposite the library, **there's** a nice **café** where I meet my friends.

My favourite place

My favourite place is the **park**. It's **near** my house, and **there are** lots of trees. We play football there after school. **There isn't** a big cinema in my town, but **there's** a small one near the bus stop. "**Is there** a shopping centre?" my cousin asks. "No, **there isn't!**" I say. "But there are lots of little **shops**."

Getting around

My town is small, so I walk everywhere. The school is **opposite** the park, and the **shop is on the corner** of my street. "Where do you buy your food?" you ask. There's a little shop **next to** the bank. I love my town — it's quiet, but there's always something to do!

Think about it: Emma's town is small but she loves it. What is there in your town? What is your favourite place? Where is it?

01

town

NOUN

A place with houses, shops, and streets — smaller than a city.

"I live in a small town."

02

library

NOUN

A place where you read and borrow books for free.

"I do my homework at the library."

03

square

NOUN

A big open space in the middle of a town.

"There is a market in the square."

04

centre

NOUN

The middle part of a town.

"The shops are in the centre."

05

opposite

PREPOSITION

On the other side, facing something.

"The park is opposite my school."

06

near

PREPOSITION

Close to; not far away.

"The bus stop is near my house."

Fill in the blanks

💡 Complete each sentence with a place, **is / are**, or the right preposition. Remember: one place → **is**; more than one → **are**!

1 There _____ a park near my house. (*one park*)

2 There _____ three shops in the centre. (*three shops*)

3 I read and borrow books at the _____ (*place for books*)

4 The bank is _____ the park. (= on the other side) (*facing*)

5 There _____ a cinema in my town. (*there is, negative*)

6 _____ there a hospital near here? (*question, one place*)

7 We play football in the _____ (*green place*)

8 The shop is _____ my house. (= not far) (*close to*)

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SPEAKING

Talk about your town

Tell your partner about your town!

Work with a partner. Ask and answer these questions about your towns. Use there is / there are and prepositions (next to, near, opposite). Then change roles!

🎤 What is there in your town?

🎤 Is there a park? Where is it?

🎤 Is there a cinema or a library?

🎤 What is your favourite place? Why?

🎤 Is your town big or small? Quiet or busy?

EXAMPLE CONVERSATION

A: What is there in your town?

B: There's a park, two schools, and lots of shops.

A: Is there a cinema?

B: Yes, there is. It's in the centre, next to the library. Is there a park in your town?

A: Yes! It's near my house. It's my favourite place.

B: Is your town big?

A: No, it isn't. It's small and quiet, but I like it!

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WRITING

Write about your town

Write a short paragraph (50–70 words)

Write about your own town, just like Emma. Use there is / there are and prepositions of place. Try to include these things:

- at least 5 places (park, shop, library...)
- two sentences with *There is* and one with *There are*
- at least one negative (There isn't / There aren't any...)
- two prepositions (next to, near, opposite...)
- your favourite place and the word *quiet* or *busy*

Check your understanding

1. Choose the correct form: _____ a park near my house.

A There are

B There is

C There be

D There has

2. Choose the correct form: _____ two schools in my town.

A There is

B There are

C Is there

D There be

3. Where do you borrow books?

A at the bank

B at the library

C at the park

D at the bus stop

4. The bank is _____ the park (on the other side).

A near

B opposite

C in

D under

5. Which sentence is CORRECT?

A There isn't a cinema.

B There aren't a cinema.

C There no cinema.

D There is not a any cinema.

6. "Is there a library near here?" A correct short answer is:

A Yes, there are.

B Yes, there is.

C Yes, it has.

D Yes, there be.

7. A green place with trees where you can play is a:

A bank

B park

C shop

D library

8. "The centre" of a town means:

A the edge of town

B the middle of town

C outside the town

D under the town

**Part 6 — Fill in the blanks**

1. is
2. are
3. library
4. opposite
5. isn't (is not)
6. Is
7. park
8. near

Part 9 — Quiz

1. **B** — There is. *One park.*
2. **B** — There are. *Two schools.*
3. **B** — at the library. *You borrow books at the library.*
4. **B** — opposite. *On the other side, facing.*
5. **A** — There isn't a cinema. *One place, negative.*
6. **B** — Yes, there is. *Is there...? → Yes, there is.*
7. **B** — park. *A green place with trees.*
8. **B** — the middle of town. *centre = the middle.*