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Unit 1: Hometown



Sophie from Canada

I Brainstorm

Fit as many words as you can on the topic Hometown into this box.

Share your words with other students. Then compare your list with the useful vocabulary on page 8.

2 Sophie's Scraps

A: Looking at the Scraps

Work with a partner. Why do you think Sophie chose these scraps?



T2 B: Listening

Listen to Sophie talking about her scraps and answer the questions.

1. Where is Montreal?	
2. What is the population of Montreal?	
3. Name two interesting sightseeing spots in Montreal.	
4. When is Montreal's big festival?	
5. What language do most people speak in Quebec?	
6. What are some winter activities you can do?	

Listen again and make notes next to each picture. Check your answers in the script on page 75.

3 Interview

T3 A: Practicing

Listen and repeat the conversation. Then practice with a partner.

Interviewer: Where is your hometown?

Sophie: I'm from Montreal, Canada. It's in Quebec where most of the people speak French.

Interviewer: How big is your hometown?

Sophie: Oh, it's pretty big. The population is over a million people. But it used to be even bigger. Many people left in the 1980s because they couldn't speak French.

Interviewer: What are some good things about your hometown?

Sophie: Well, the food is wonderful. Montreal has fine French cuisine. It has its own specialties, too, such as *tortiere*. That's a kind of meat pie. It's great. Another good thing about Montreal is the public transportation system.

Interviewer: What are some bad things about your hometown?

Sophie: It gets really cold in the winter. Also, if you can't speak French, it can be quite difficult to get around!

Interviewer: What is your hometown famous for?

Sophie: Montreal has beautiful churches. There is also an old area of the city where you can take a horse and carriage.

B: Your Turn

Write your own answers to the interview questions. Then interview three other students.

	Me	Partner 1 Name:	Partner 2 Name:	Partner 3 Name:
Where is your hometown?				
How big is your hometown?				
What are some good things about your hometown?				
What are some bad things about your hometown?				
What is your hometown famous for?				

If you finish your interview early, you can start reading Scraps Magazine on page 12.

4 Preparing Your Presentation

See Unit 1 worksheet on p. 78

A: Useful Vocabulary

These are words and phrases you can use in your own presentation. Also use them to complete the crossword on page 13.

Places		What's special?	
the city (urban)	a game centre	You can ...	
the countryside (rural)	a statue		
the suburbs	a shopping mall		
a cathedral	a market		
a temple	a cinema		
a shrine	a bar		
a restaurant	a museum		
		do interesting activities.	see local customs.
		hear the local dialect.	visit historical spots.
		go to a festival.	eat the local food.
		watch a parade.	walk through parks.
		enjoy a beautiful view.	meet friendly people.
		visit a sightseeing spot.	see a castle.

B: Finding Your Scraps

You must use at least four scraps. Here are some ideas.

- photos of statues
- dried flowers
- postcards
- maps

Think of some scraps that you would like to use in your scrapbook.

C: Scraps Pointers

Look at the model presentation script on page 75. Put a check next to the expressions that Sophie used.

- ☐ In this picture, ...
- ☐ This is my favourite picture because it shows ...
- ☐ I chose this photo because ...
- ☐ There is a festival ...
- ☐ If you look at the picture at the bottom-left, you can see ...
- ☐ This is special to me because ...
- ☐ It is located in ...
- ☐ When you look here, you can see ...

Use at least two Scraps Pointers in your presentation.

D: Making Your Scrapbook Page

Paste your scraps into your book on this unit's scrapbook page. Write notes or sentences on the back.

Hometown

Notes

In this space, write notes or sentences about your scraps.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

5 Presentation Time

Here are some tips to help you. Read them first, then make notes in the table below during each presentation. Write your question and the answer.

When you're the presenter...

- Speak slowly! People will understand you better and you won't have to talk as much!
- Pronounce your words clearly. People want to understand you.
- Make eye contact with your listeners.

HINTS...

When you're the listener...

- Show that you are interested by looking at the presenter.
- Smile! It will help the presenter to relax.

Presenter's Name	Notes	Questions to Presenter
		Q:
		A:
		Q:
		A:
		Q:
		A:
		Q:
		A:
		Q:
		A:

Today's Best Presentation

Who presented it?

What was it about?

Why did you like it?



Scraps Magazine

Rural or Urban Life: It's Your Choice

Is it better to live in the city or in the countryside? How about the suburbs? To help you decide whether you want rural or urban life, our Scraps reporter visited two very different places and talked to the people there to find out more information.

Chesterville is a village located in the beautiful countryside of Eastern Canada. When I got there, it made me nostalgic for my own childhood as it brought back memories of playing in the fields around my house. The population of Chesterville is less than 5,000 people. I stayed at a small bed and breakfast and talked to the landlady, Jackie, about the village. "Well, there aren't any famous attractions in Chesterville, but there are many interesting activities for visitors and locals. I guess that the most popular activity is walking. The countryside around here is really beautiful and you can go on long peaceful walks by the lakes without meeting another person. If you climb up Mount Errigon, you have a wonderful view of the whole area. We're very proud of this beautiful area."

"What about festivals?", I asked.

"Oh yes, if you come in the summer, we have our boating festival. That lasts for one week. The most important thing is the big boat race, but there are lots of other events like the parade, an open-air market, and face painting for the kids. An interesting tradition is that we always carry the winning boat through the main street of the village."

"Do you have any historical spots in this area?"

"No, I don't think so. But I do think that the people of Chesterville are very friendly. Enjoy your stay here!"

London is a fast-growing city about two and a half hours from Toronto. It has a population of almost 400,000 people and is becoming one of the important new urban centres of Canada. Many people now live in the suburbs and travel into the city centre each day for work or school. I talked to Jill Adams who works at the tourist information centre.

"While you're here, you should see some of the major attractions like Saint Paul's Cathedral and the history museum. There

is also a famous statue of Nelson. If you get tired of sightseeing, there are several big malls where you can do some shopping. In the evening, there are many bars and restaurants in the downtown area. For young people, there is a game centre and cinema where they show recent movies."



Comprehension

Fill in the table

	Chesterville	London
Population		
Activities		
Sightseeing Spots		

Discussion

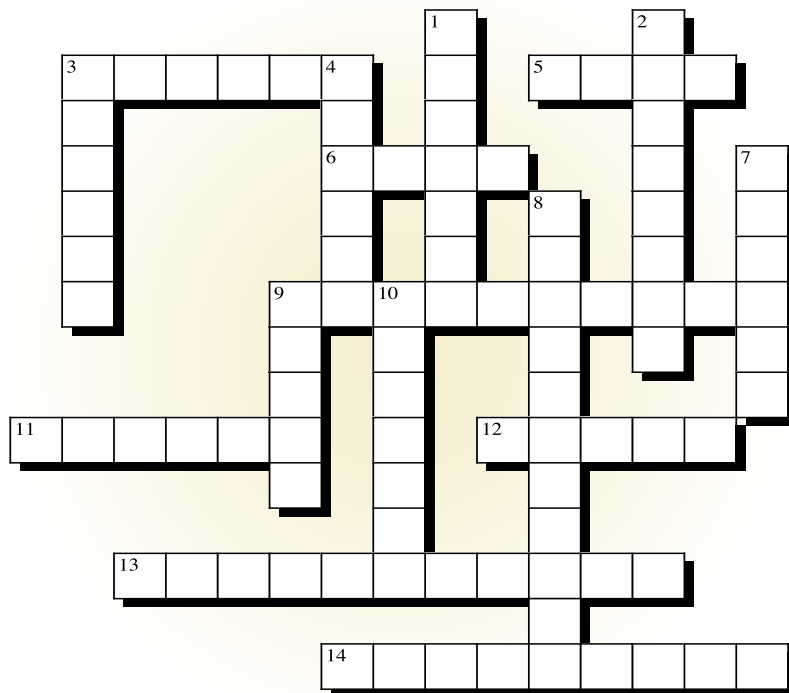
1. Which of these places would you prefer to live in? Why?
2. When you are working, is it better to live in the city or in the country?
3. For children, is it better to live in the city or in the country?

Crossword

Try the Scraps Magazine Crossword. All the answers are in the useful vocabulary box on page 8.

ACROSS

- 3 On the eighth of every month, there is an outdoor _____ in the centre of town.
- 5 My hometown has a lovely _____ of the sea.
- 6 Most people go shopping at the new shopping _____, so many small shops have closed.
- 9 My favourite _____ is called El Doro. The specialty is Spanish food.
- 11 A new _____ just opened and shows the most recent movies.
- 12 Living in the city is the best. _____ areas are so convenient.
- 13 Mount Kinka is a popular _____ spot because you can see the whole city from there.
- 14 A large church is sometimes called a _____.



DOWN

- 1 In my hometown, we sometimes speak a _____ of our language. People from the big cities can't understand us!
- 2 There is a _____ and fireworks in my hometown every August.
- 3 We have an interesting history _____ where you can learn about the development of the town.
- 4 My parents used to take me to the Buddhist _____ when I was younger.
- 7 It's a _____ to visit our ancestors' grave every August.
- 8 I live in the _____, so it takes a bit of time to get into the city by train.
- 9 I live in the countryside. It's quite _____.
- 10 Most people live in the _____ of the city because the downtown area is a little dangerous.