

GROUP DISCUSSION

Make Your Own City

Name: _____

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- You and your classmate are city planners and you are going to make a new city. Use a pencil and decide where to put the parks, schools, downtown area, etc. Compare with your other classmates.

- City name: _____
- Location: _____
- Population: _____
- Climate: _____


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river

ocean

Places Around Town

1 downtown area	7 squares
1 university	2 squares
1 large park	2 squares
1 hospital	1 square
1 industrial area	3 squares
1 sports stadium	1 square
2 schools	2 squares
2 residential areas	10 squares
4 small parks	4 squares
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	32 squares



Aim Group Discussion (City Planning)

Level Intermediate to Advanced

ACTIVITY NOTES

First

Write the following vocabulary on the board and make sure your learners are familiar with it:

downtown area
university
park
hospital
industrial area
sports stadium
residential area

Next

Have your learners discuss the questions below:

- 1) *Where are these places located in your city?*
- 2) *Do you live in or near any of these places?*
- 3) *Is it a good idea to have a hospital next to an industrial area? Why? / Why not? What about a residential area?*
- 4) *Is it important for you to have a nice view of the ocean? Why? / Why not?*

The Task

Have students sit in pairs. Distribute the map (one per pair). Tell them that they must discuss where to locate (write) the places in the grid – remind them that they may not necessarily want to put an industrial area next to a residential area, etc. Set a time to complete this task (eg 20 minutes).

After they have completed the task, have the pairs of students sit together in new groups of four (for a total of two maps per group) and compare and discuss their plans.

Wrap-up

Wrap-up by collecting all the maps and taping them to walls around the classroom. Have a vote (with a show of hands) to decide which map is best (students cannot vote for their own map). After the winners are chosen, have the voters explain why they like that particular city plan.