



IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

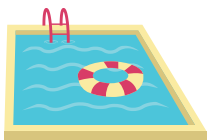
Discuss

- Where do you live?
- What is your neighbourhood like?
- Do you like your neighbourhood? Why, or why not?



Vocabulary

Match the words with the images below.

Block of Flats Football Pitch	Convenience Store Swimming Pool	Cafe Supermarket	Police Station Park
 _____ _____	 _____ _____	 _____ _____	 _____ _____
 _____ _____	 _____ _____	 _____ _____	 _____ _____

Welcome to my Neighbourhood!

What is a neighbourhood? It is an area within a city or town with groups of houses, shops, schools, and other places located on streets near each other. Some neighbourhoods are large, and some are small. In Hong Kong, there are many neighbourhoods. Each has a unique personality and character. Some have tall, modern high-rise apartment buildings, while others have low-rise buildings of five stories or fewer. A neighbourhood might be located far from the city center and consist of spacious village houses. There it is peaceful, and there is plenty of room to play, but the location might be less convenient. There aren't many shops or stores close by in places like this, and public transportation might be limited. You might need a car, taxi, or minibus to travel to and from this neighbourhood.

Other neighbourhoods are situated in dense, crowded parts of the city. The homes in these areas are smaller, yet they often cost more money than homes in more remote locations. It can be noisier in this neighbourhood, but the location is extremely convenient. There are numerous businesses here. You will find grocery stores, gas stations, schools, cafes, and even hospitals in this neighbourhood. It might have a playground or a swimming pool. These areas are very busy and lively during the day, but often become slower and quieter at night.



Comprehension

A neighbourhood is a place where people live, work, and play. It is a community, a place where residents are neighbours. They live next door to each other, across the hall, and on the same street. They might work at the local stores and businesses. Sometimes they know each other, and other times, they do not. People also form community groups to improve their neighbourhoods. They might create a group to help each other make home repairs. They might form a group to support a neighbour who is sick or injured. They might meet to plan a neighbourhood party or barbecue. Neighbourhood groups celebrate the strengths of a community and solve local problems. They create a sense of pride in the neighbourhood.



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Questions



1. What is a neighbourhood?

2. Name some places and things you can find in a neighbourhood.

3. What are neighbourhoods that are far from the city like?

4. What are neighbourhoods that are in the city like?

5. What is a community?

6. What is your neighbourhood like? Write a couple of sentences and discuss.

Grammar

Conjunctions are words we use to join different kinds of grammatical structures together.

COORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS

(F.A.N.B.O.Y.S.)

for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so

This type of conjunction joins equals to one another:

words to words, phrases to phrases, clauses to clauses



Example:

1. Dancing is my favourite hobby, **and** I take lessons every Thursday evening.

(independent clause) (conjunction) (independent clause)

2. Christopher wanted to work at a bookstore, **but** they chose to hire someone

(independent clause) (conjunction)

with more experience.

(independent clause)



Directions: Underline words, phrases, or clauses. Circle conjunctions.

1. The band practiced many hours, but they did not sound very good.
2. I've got my sunscreen, bottled water, and snacks packed for the beach.
Do we need anything else?
3. My mom didn't want to go to the store, nor did she want to get out of bed.
4. Do you speak English, or do you speak Chinese?
5. I want to go to the party, but I can't. I need to stay home.
6. The Mong Kok football club practiced very hard, and they still lost the big game.
7. I earned full marks on my spelling test, so my dad gave me \$100.
8. Do I want chocolate ice cream, or do I want chocolate cake?

CORRELATIVE CONJUNCTIONS

"either/or"

"no sooner/than"

"both/and" "as/as"

"rather/than"

"neither/nor"

"not only/but also"

"not/but"

"whether/or"

"such/that"

"as many/as"

"scarcely/when"

This type of conjunctions come in pairs, and you have to use both of them in different places in a sentence to make them work.

Examples:

I want either cheesecake or chocolate cake.

We'll have both cheesecake and chocolate cake.



Directions: Underline words, phrases, or clauses. Circle conjunctions.

1. I didn't know whether you'd want the cheesecake or the chocolate cake, so I got both.
2. Oh, you want neither the cheesecake nor the chocolate cake? No problem.
3. I'll eat them both - not only the cheesecake but also the chocolate cake.
4. I see you're in the mood not for desserts but appetizers. I'll help you with those, too.
5. Such was the nature of their friendship that they would be besties forever.
6. I had scarcely walked in the door when I got an urgent call and had to run right back out again.
7. There are as many curtains as there are windows.
8. I'd no sooner lie to you than strangle a puppy.
9. She'd rather play the drums than sing.
10. I'll cook dinner as soon as your dad gets home.

Practice I



Directions: Fill in the gaps with the conjunctions below.

and or for nor
yet so but

1. I live in Mong Kok, _____ I go to school in Cheng Wan.
2. My school is very large. It has two basketball courts _____ a football pitch.
3. My neighbourhood is very crowded, _____ at night it is very quiet.
4. I don't want to move, _____ I know my flat is too small for a family.
5. Would you like to live in Stanley _____ Aberdeen? I've heard the food in Aberdeen is fantastic.
6. Last weekend we moved from Jordan to Ma On Shan, _____ I like living in Jordan better.
7. Would you like to live on a high floor, _____ live on a low floor?
8. I haven't done the Standard Chartered Marathon, _____ have any of my friends.
9. I need to find a new home, _____ now I am flat-less and living in a hotel.
10. My neighbourhood hasn't got a swimming pool, _____ it has got a community park.
11. My house has a big garden rooftop, _____ everyone likes to come over to barbecue
12. There is a festival in the Four Dragons neighbourhood this weekend, _____ I want to go.

Practice II



Writing about your neighbourhood

Directions: Write a short letter about your neighbourhood to whomever. Pretend like they know nothing about it.

Try to use some of the conjunctions from the previous page.

Example: My neighbourhood has a park, a swimming pool, and a football pitch.

Does your neighbourhood have a park or swimming pool?

Dear _____,

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Practice III

Directions: Fill the gap with the proper correlative conduction.

"either/or"

"not only/but also"

"no sooner/than"

"not/but"

"both/and" "as/as"

"whether/or"

"rather/than"

"such/that"

"neither/nor"

"as many/as"

"scarcely/when"

1. _____ the office _____ the library are open.
2. Kim is _____ kind, _____ she is _____ smart.
3. I can _____ bake cookies _____ buy a cake for the neighbourhood party.
4. Mark is _____ a singer _____ an actor.
5. Mail is delivered _____ it rains _____ snows.
6. Our new neighbourhood has _____ a swimming pool _____ a soccer pitch.
7. _____ you love them _____ hate them, you have to admit that the Mong Kok football club is very popular.
8. _____ do firefighters put out fires, _____ they _____ do search and rescues in emergencies.
9. _____ had I finished watering the garden _____ it started raining.
10. Causeway Bay is _____ cheaper _____ quieter than Wan Chai.

Homework

Directions: Use the correlative conjunctions to write sentences below. Write at least six complete sentences.

both ... and: two options are possible

not only ... but ... also: creates a stronger feeling

either ... or: choice

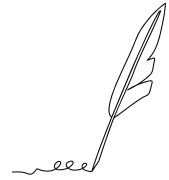
neither ... nor: makes 2 negatives

whether ... or: admission of fact

no sooner ... than: sequencing



Homework



Directions: Use the correct conjunctions in the sentences.

either/or and so no sooner/than nor
not only/but/also whether/or or but both/and

- _____ sooner had the football match started _____ it began to rain.
- My neighbourhood has a park, a football pitch, _____ a swimming pool.
- _____ do I love living in Hong Kong, _____ I _____ believe that it is the best city in the world!
- I like my neighbourhood. It is very loud during the day, _____ it is quiet at night.
- _____ the Wellcome _____ the Park N' Shop are open. You can find rice somewhere.
- _____ they build a new MTR station by my house _____ not, I still need to be at school on time.
- We can play American Football _____ rugby.
- We had a neighbourhood carnival last week, _____ our Mum let us stay up late.
- My brother is a vegetarian. He _____ doesn't eat meat, _____ he _____ doesn't eat seafood.
- We can _____ go to the Ikea in Sha Tin _____ in Kowloon Bay.