

IELTS ENGLISH PODCAST. NEIGHBOURHOOD. TRANSCRIPT

Part 1. Can you describe your neighbourhood?

Yes, I live in a neighbourhood in East Seoul called Gangdong. It's, a fairly busy neighbourhood. It's, it's got a nice community, quite close knit in the area I live in, but it's developing and it is getting bigger and more modern and in some ways that's a good thing, but in some ways not.

Part 1. What Do You Like Most About Your Neighbourhood?

I like the main area, the high street we would call it in England. I like this area because it's a bustling district of my neighbourhood and there are lots of shops, lots of people, and it's really created this nice, busy community in my area.

Part 2. Describe A Neighbourhood You Have Lived In.

I'd like to tell you about my current neighbourhood, Gangdong, in the east of Seoul. I first moved to this neighbourhood in 2017, and when I came to that neighbourhood, I, it was definitely a little run-down. It wasn't as modern as it is now, and I wasn't particularly excited to move there, but we found a nice house and it was within our budget.

We certainly liked how the Han River, the main river in Seoul, was very accessible from our neighbourhood and, you know, there were some nice shops and restaurants and things like that, so we felt it was a decent community to move into.

Let me tell you a little more about my neighbourhood. This is a suburban area of Seoul. It's on the eastern side and it's very near the outskirts of Seoul and, it has always been, as I said, a bit of a run-down area, but about five years ago, they started doing some serious renovation and really improving the area with schools, apartments, restaurants, coffee shops and it's really come on a lot in the time that I've lived there. It has a nice community. I think the people around us are quite neighbourly because they're a little on the old side. they're, they're fairly elderly and, so it's built this nice community of people who help each other out and say hello in the street and I really like that.

For me personally, this is a great neighbourhood for this stage in our life, but in the future, I'd like to move somewhere a little more modern and somewhere that would be more appropriate for my daughter, who is going to go to school one day. She's too young for that now.

VOCABULARY

accessible (adjective) - easy to reach or use.

appropriate (adjective) - just right for the situation.

budget (noun) - a plan for how to spend money.

bustling (adjective) - full of noise and busy activity.

close-knit (adjective) - a group of people who care about each other a lot.

community (noun) - a group of people living in the same place or with shared interests.

district (noun) - a part of a city or town.

elderly (adjective) - old or older people.

fairly (adverb) - quite or almost.

neighbourhood (noun) - the area around where you live.

outskirts (noun) - the outer part of a city or town.

renovation (noun) - fixing and making something look new again.

suburban (adjective) - related to areas just outside a city where people live.