

DESCRIBING NEIGHBORHOOD

Dialogue

- Nathaniel: Where do you live, Phoebe?
Phoebe: I live in an apartment downtown.
Nicholas: Oh, that's convenient, but...how much crime is there?
Phoebe: Not much. But there is a lot of traffic. I can't stand the noise sometimes!
What about you? Where do you live?
Nicholas: I have a house in the suburbs?
Phoebe: Oh, I bet it's really quiet. But is there much to do there?
Nicholas: No, not much. In fact, nothing ever really happens. That's the trouble.
Phoebe: Hey. Let's trade places one weekend!
Nicholas: Ok. Great idea!

Vocabularies:

- convenient- easy to reach
traffic- passage of vehicles along routes
suburbs- a usually residential area or community outlying a city
weekend- the end of the week, especially the period from Friday evening through Sunday evening

Expressions:

Lot of traffic-- vehicles can't move because they're too many in the road

How much crime is there?

- There's a lot.
- There's a little.
- There isn't much.
- There isn't any
- There's none.

Note: Uncountable nouns

How many restaurants are there?

- There are a lot.
- There aren't many.
- There are none.
- There are a few.
- There aren't any.

Note: Countable nouns

Practice:

A. Do you live in a _____ or an apartment?

B. I live in a house.

A. How much _____ is there?

B. There's a _____.

A. How _____ restaurants are there?

B. There are _____.

A. How _____ traffic is there?

B. There's a _____.

A. How _____ movie theaters are there?

B. There aren't _____.