

Unit 1

Starting somewhere new

1 Match a word in column A with a word from column B to complete the phrase.

A	B
adapt to	neighbourhood
become	new
capital	the outskirts
commercial	culture shock
cosmopolitan	culture
diverse	the community
immigration	society
integrate into	city
live on	other people's attitudes
local	tradition
multicultural	a new culture
overcome one's	district
to experience something	rules
to respect	atmosphere
long	backgrounds
wealthy	a member

2 In pairs, put the following words into column A or B depending on whether they are places where you might live or activities you might do.

capital city become a member (of a club) youth club in the city centre
 club event on the coast debating society wealthy neighbourhood
 integrate into the community in the suburbs join an association small village

A places	B activities

3 Put the places in exercise 2 in order depending on where you would like to live, and the reasons why. Compare your list and reasons with your partner.

In pairs discuss the following:

- 1 Which of the areas might be best to live in for a newcomer?
- 2 What are the best ways in which you can integrate into the community in different areas?
- 3 What might be some of the problems in moving to an area with a different culture?
- 4 How might you overcome culture shock?

Compare your answers with another pair.

4 Complete the gaps in the following sentences with words or phrases from exercise 1 and 2.

- 1 If you live in a society, it is very important to
..... attitudes.
- 2 London is a , with a large
including the Bank of England and the Stock market. It is inhabited by people from diverse , so it has a very
- 3 Some people like the buzz of living ,
while others prefer the quieter atmosphere of a For
many you can get the best of both worlds if you live
- 4 It can be difficult to a new culture, and to one's culture
shock, but it can be rewarding and stimulating to something new
and to into the community.

5 A friend is moving to a new area or country. Write a letter to your friend:

- asking about his/her plans for moving
- saying what you know about the area or country
- giving advice on how to adapt to the new culture

The letter should be at least 150 words.