

Mixer #13 – No Place Like Home

Hear six people talk about what is good about their hometown.

1) What does Akane like about Toronto?

- a) Her family lives there
- b) It's an international city

2) Barbara thinks Perth is beautiful because _____.

- a) there are natural places
- b) it's in the country

3) Marks says that people in Alabama _____.

- a) speak differently
- b) smile a lot

4) Jeannie thinks Philadelphia is famous for _____.

- a) summers
- b) food

5) Naomi's hometown is _____.

- a) in the mountains
- b) a big city

6) Ruth believes her hometown is _____.

- a) inexpensive
- b) exciting



Transcript

Akane / Canada

What is good about your hometown? One thing that is good about my hometown, Toronto, is that it's a very multi-cultural city. That means that there are many different people from many different countries, all over the world, so I really enjoy going out and eating different kinds of foods from different places. You can have Thai food, Indian food, Chinese food, French food, Italian food, Portuguese food, all kinds of food, and I really, really enjoy that part of my city.



Barbara / Australia

One good thing about my hometown? Well, my hometown is Perth, in Western Australia. Ah, the best thing about my hometown is well, it's got a lot of parks and gardens and wide open spaces. We've got a beautiful river, **the great outdoors**. That's the best thing. You can really enjoy **fresh air** and sunshine.



Mark / United States

My hometown is Birmingham, Alabama in America. I guess the good thing about Birmingham is it's a very friendly place. The south has a reputation for being friendly, and it's true, when you're there, people are generally very nice to you, and pretty much anywhere you go, even complete strangers will be nice to you, and we have a unique accent in Alabama, I don't normally talk that way but it's usually interesting for other English speakers to hear.



Jeannie / United States

OK, so I'm from Philadelphia and I think the best thing about my hometown is the food, as Philadelphia is famous for the Philly Cheese steak, and also for soft pretzels, usually people like to put spicy mustard on them and it's a very good treat in the summer with Italian ice.



Naomi / Australia

My hometown is a very small town called Melanie, on the Sunshine Coast. It's located on top of the, on one part of the great **dividing range** of Australia so it's quite highly elevated mountain village. It has beautiful views of the Sunshine Coast, all the way down to the beach, and it's got a really nice **sense of community** being such a small town.



Ruth / England

What's good? Well, there are many good things really. I really like the people in my hometown, and I also like the fact that if you go shopping everything is really quite cheap and I can **get to town** really easily from my house. They are all really good things. On the other hand, sometimes it's a little bit difficult because there's really not that much to do except for that. The cost and everything is really good.



Vocabulary

great outdoors

The 'great outdoors' means nature. Mountains, forests, deserts, animals, and all other natural places or things are part of the great outdoors. Notice the following:

- I prefer to vacation in the great outdoors.
- My wife is a city girl. She hates the great outdoors.

fresh air

'Fresh air' is clean air from outside. When you leave the house and the air makes you feel more awake, that is fresh air! Notice the following:

- Let's go outside and get some fresh air.
- The best thing about the mountains is the cool, fresh air.

dividing range

A 'dividing range' is a mountain range that splits a country or area into two parts. Melanie is a part of these mountains. Notice the following:

- The Great Dividing Range is over 3500 km long.
- Australia's great dividing range offers snow skiing in winter.

sense of community

A 'sense of community' is a feeling shared by people that everyone is a part of a big family. If you live in a place where you know all your neighbors, then it has a great sense of community. Notice the following:

- I feel a sense of community when I visit my home town.
- There is no sense of community living in a big city.

get to

To 'get' somewhere is to arrive or travel there. If Ruth can get to town very easily, it might mean that she lives close to town or it might mean that transportation is very convenient. Notice the following:

- I get to work about 8:45am and start at 9:00.
- Layla always has a cup of coffee when she gets to school in the morning.

Vocabulary Quiz

outdoors • fresh air • range • sense of • get

1. These mountains are a dividing _____ between the central part of the country and the coast.
2. There is a great _____ community in the office where I work.
3. I love to spend time camping in the great _____, but it's always nice to come home after.
4. What is the best way to _____ to your house when there's a lot of traffic?
5. I feel like I need some _____ because I've been inside all day.