

4.3 Vocabulary development

Vocabulary idiomatic phrases about places

1 Read the comments and circle the correct words to complete the texts and tweets.

Post your comments and tell us what's making you happy right now!

Finally feeling ¹ at / in / on home and enjoying going out with my new friends at university.

Marina *Andalucia*

Relaxing in my garden on a summer's day, miles from ² anywhere / everywhere / nowhere, and looking at the beautiful view!

Guido *Liguria*

Working from home, so I don't have to travel to an office every day, packed in like ³ fish / sardines / tuna on the bus!

Barbara *São Paulo*

Tidying my room, getting rid ⁴ at / of / with everything I don't need any more, and making room ⁵ for / from / of more!

Detelina *Sofia*

I live in a beautiful city, which I know like the ⁶ back / fingers / front of my hand, and where I feel I belong.

Mauro *Verona*

I've finally settled ⁷ down / in / up with my partner. We got married and now I'm expecting a baby.

Marisol *Caracas*

Thought I'd lost my passport. I looked all ⁸ for / over / up the place and finally found it!

Ahmed *Cairo*

2 Read the text and complete it with idioms, using the word in brackets.

Microapartments

The problem with living in a crowded city like New York is that apartments are hard to find and very expensive. That's why so many young city-dwellers these days

¹ are making themselves at home (make/home) in tiny micro apartments. Some are only 100 metres in size! They are often beautifully designed, with space-saving ideas like making the stairs into a set of drawers! Even so, new tenants soon ² _____ (run/space) for their belongings, and have to ³ _____ (rid) all the extra clothes and stuff they don't need when they move in. They have to be very tidy because they simply can't move when there are clothes and bags and things ⁴ _____ (all/place). However, although it won't suit a couple thinking of ⁵ _____ (settle), it will suit busy young professionals who work hard, go out a lot and ⁶ _____ (feel/home) right in the heart of New York.



Vocabulary review

3 Match the words in the box to the definitions. There are four words you do not need.

canal coast ferry forest island lake ocean peak rock season steep waterfall

- 1 the top of a mountain peak
- 2 the place where land meets sea _____
- 3 a type of boat _____
- 4 water surrounded by land _____
- 5 a man-made waterway _____
- 6 a place full of trees _____
- 7 spring, summer, autumn, winter _____
- 8 land surrounded by water _____

4 Complete the sentences with a, b or c. More than one answer may be possible.

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| a at sea | b in the mountains | c on the coast |
| 1 You find waterfalls ... <u>b, c</u> | 4 You find beaches ... _____ | |
| 2 You find waves ... _____ | 5 You find pools ... _____ | |
| 3 You find cliffs ... _____ | 6 You find soil ... _____ | |