Stay Put or Get Away

Most people have strong feelings – positive or negative – about the area where they live. Some want to stay put for the rest of their lives, others can’t wait to get away.

Preparation

Read Part 1 and Part 2 and prepare what you want to talk about.

Part 1 — Present and Interact

Where do you live? Describe the area where you live to your partner with the help of the questions below. Use the mind map below for inspiration, and try to come up with as many aspects as possible. (If you and your partner happen to live in the same area, you could still prepare individually and then compare your descriptions).

What do you like about your area? Why?
If you could change anything about your area, what would it be? Why?
In the future, do you see yourself staying in the area, or leaving for somewhere else? Explain why!

My area

Spare time activities
Job opportunities
Schools/Education
Sights/Environment
Meeting-places
Ways of getting around
Arts/Culture
Sports activities
Community services
Part 2 — Interact and Discuss

Study the pictures below, and together choose at least two that you find interesting to discuss with your partner. Use the questions to get the discussion going. Try to come up with as many aspects as possible. You could of course also use the mind map as an inspiration for your discussion.

Discuss, compare, give examples and give reasons for your opinions.

- How could the area in the picture be described?
- What do you think life is like for people who live there?
- Would you choose to live like that? Why? Why not?