


3 Achievement Tests

Unit 2


Name: _____

Date: _____

PART I: LISTENING


1.1  Listen to the beginning of an interview. Check (✓) the best prediction of what the listening is about. There is only one right answer.

- ___ A. changes in urban living
- ___ B. the history of American cities
- ___ C. conveniences in cities
- ___ D. dangers to the environment

1.2  Now listen to the entire interview. Use the information to choose the correct answers. Check (✓) the answers.

1. The news reporter is doing a story that is mainly about _____.
 - ___ A. where people from the neighborhoods will go
 - ___ B. what is taking the place of some neighborhoods
 - ___ C. people who have to leave their old neighborhoods
 - ___ D. people who have lived in their neighborhood for generations
2. Mr. Austin _____.
 - ___ A. hires young professionals
 - ___ B. designs new condominiums
 - ___ C. reports on old neighborhoods
 - ___ D. makes cities more convenient
3. What does Mr. Austin think about new condominiums?
 - ___ A. He thinks they are good for cities.
 - ___ B. He thinks they make people more isolated.
 - ___ C. He thinks they help young professionals work long hours.
 - ___ D. He thinks they help old neighborhoods feel a sense of community.
4. Would Mr. Austin agree or disagree with this statement:
"Condominiums are similar to neighborhoods"?
 - ___ A. Agree
 - ___ B. Disagree

5. Would Donna like the conveniences of living in a condominium?
- ___ A. Yes, because she is a young professional.
 - ___ B. Yes, because she thinks condominiums are like communities.
 - ___ C. No, because she thinks condominiums are not convenient.
 - ___ D. No, because she thinks condominiums isolate people.
6. Where will parents who live in condominiums bring their children to play?
- ___ A. They will bring them to the gym.
 - ___ B. They will bring them to the playground.
 - ___ C. There is no place for children to play.
 - ___ D. The condominium does not allow children.

1.3  Listen to the excerpt from "Let's Hear From Our Listeners" from NorthStar: Listening and Speaking 2, Unit 2. Use the information from this listening and the listening from Part 1.2 to complete the activity.

	Kentville	Condominiums	Both
People are friendly.	✓		
1. People live close together.			
2. People live the same lifestyle.			
3. People live in a community.			

PART 2: VOCABULARY

2.1 Read the paragraph. Use the words and phrases from the box to fill in the blanks. Not all of the words and phrases will be used.

condominiums	crazy about	environment	stuck in traffic
convenient	designed	public transportation	urban

In most _____^{1.} areas, people live in apartment buildings, co-ops, or _____^{2.}. Because there is not enough space in these areas for everyone to have a car, people travel by bus or subway. In New York City, the streets are full of taxis, but taking a taxi is much more expensive and takes much longer than using _____^{3.}. People often take the subway to get where they need to go. New York's subway system was _____^{4.} over one hundred years ago when the population was much lower, so today the subways are very crowded. Nevertheless, it is still better to catch a bus or take the subway because it is not only more convenient, but also better for the _____^{5.}. Fewer cars mean less pollution.

2.2 Decide if the vocabulary word or phrase has a negative, positive, or neutral (neither negative nor positive) meaning. Put a check (✓) in the correct column.

Vocabulary Word	Negative	Positive	Neutral
1. sense of community			
2. isolated			
3. convenient			
4. typical			
5. crazy about			

3.3 People are expressing agreement. Read the conversations and answer the questions.
The first one has been done for you.

SARA: Where do you live?

TONY: I live in a condominium. How about you?

Sara also lives in a condominium. What does Sara say?

I live in a condominium, too. OR I do, too. _____

1. STEFAN: I don't like big cities, do you?

Jenna agrees with Stefan. What does Jenna say?

JENNA: _____ OR _____

2. PETER: It's really crowded where I live. I take public transportation.

Anna agrees with Peter. What does Anna say?

ANNA: _____ OR _____

3. JAMES: What are you going to do tomorrow?

JOANNA: Tomorrow is a holiday. I'm not going to school.

James agrees with Joanna. What does James say?

JAMES: _____ OR _____

PART 4: SPEAKING

4.1 Say one thing that Mr. Austin from Part 1.2 said he likes about condominiums. You may listen again to Part 1.2.

4.2 Agree with what Mr. Austin likes.

4.3 Expressing Agreement

Speak for 1 to 2 minutes. Imagine that your friend tells you what he or she likes and doesn't like about living in a city or suburb.

- Before you speak, take notes about what your friend tells you.
- Say what your friend likes and dislikes. Agree with what your friend says.
- Use *too* and *either* to express agreement.
- Make *TH* sounds correctly.
- Use the vocabulary and grammar from Unit 2.

Unit 2 Vocabulary Words

condominium	crowded	exciting	public transportation	typical
convenient	designed	isolated	sense of community	urban
crazy about	environment	public	stuck in traffic	

Unit 2 Grammar: This / That / These / Those and One

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This store is convenient. • Look at that car across the street. • "Is this your cell phone?" • "Is that your condominium?" | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These stores are convenient. • Look at those cars across the street. • "No, this one right here is." • "No, that one over there is mine." |
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