

# Places in your neighbourhood

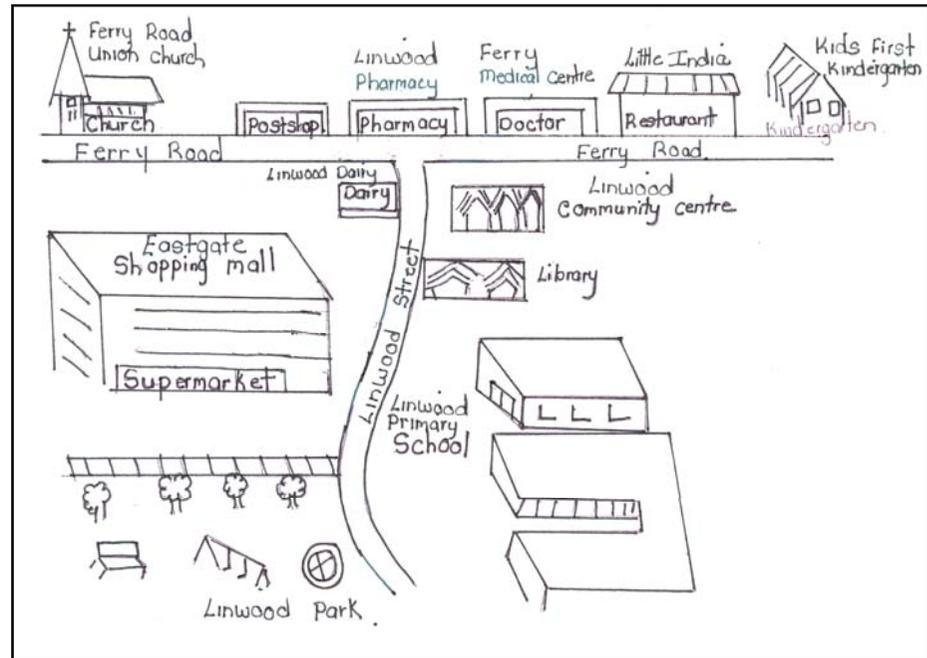
Sally and her family have just moved to Linwood. Sally has many things to do. She has many things to buy. But where are all the places she can go to?

You are Sally's neighbour. You are a very helpful person. You show Sally a map of the neighbourhood. You talk about where different shops are.

Using the map and working with a partner, answer Sally's questions. The phrases and words in the box opposite will help you.

1. I need to stock up on groceries. Where can I find the local supermarket?
2. I need to enrol my youngest daughter at kindergarten. Is there a kindergarten in the neighbourhood, and if so where is it?
3. My family needs to enrol with a doctor. Where is the nearest medical centre?
4. The children love reading books. Tell me where I can find the library.
5. I like to keep fit. My friend told me about a yoga group at the Community Centre. Where is the Community Centre?
6. My friend also told me about a park where I can take the children. What is it called, and where can I find it?

## Linwood neighbourhood



next door to  
across the road from  
diagonally across from  
next to  
in between  
at the end of  
beside  
the first/second/third/fourth building on the left/right

around the corner from  
beside  
opposite  
along side  
along from  
on the corner of  
in front of

# Community centres in your neighbourhood

1. Discuss these questions with your partner.

1. What hobbies or sports are you interested in?
2. What new leisure activity would you like to do in the future?
3. Where can you learn a hobby in your country?
4. Did you belong to any hobby or sports clubs in your country? If so which ones?
5. What do you do in your free time in New Zealand?

2. Check you know the meanings of these words before reading the story opposite.

clubs	hobby
self-improvement	sports facilities
gymnasiums	programmes
activities	councils
fundraising	leisure

## Community Centres

Most towns and cities in New Zealand have community centres with clubs and hobby/self-improvement classes.

Some larger centres also have sports facilities such as tennis courts, swimming pools and gymnasiums. Many community centres offer school holiday programmes for children.

Activities are usually not too expensive. Local councils often pay for some of the running costs, but fundraising by volunteers is also needed sometimes.

Community centres are a good place to meet people, make new friends and enjoy your leisure time and interests.



# Contacting your community centre

Mrs Judd is telephoning her community centre. With your partner, read the following conversation between Mrs Judd and an assistant. What important details does Mrs Judd need to write down.

**Mrs Judd:** Hello, is that the Linwood Community Centre?  
**Worker:** Yes, it is.  
**Mrs Judd:** We've just moved to Linwood, and I'm interested in photography. I was wondering if there was a photography group in the area?  
**Worker:** Well, you might like to join the local photography club.  
**Mrs Judd:** Oh, that sounds great. How often do they meet?  
**Worker:** On the first Friday of every month.  
**Mrs Judd:** OK, and what time?  
**Worker:** One o'clock till three.  
**Mrs Judd:** And what exactly do they do at the meetings?  
**Worker:** Well, sometimes there's a guest speaker, other times they go on field trips to a park or the beach and take photos. They're a very friendly bunch of people.  
**Mrs Judd:** Mmm, I don't know many people in Linwood and I'd like to make some new friends. How much does it cost to join the club?  
**Worker:** It costs \$5 for each meeting. Why don't you come along next Friday and see if you enjoy it. The group meets in the room next to the office here. I'm sure you'll feel very welcome.

Linwood Photography Club



**Meets the first Friday of every month  
1.00pm to 3.00pm  
Linwood Community Centre  
25 Linwood Avenue  
Christchurch  
Phone: 384 9267**

# Community noticeboard

# Community activities

**PATCHWORK**  
**at Hillmorton High School Adult Education Classes**

- Wednesdays 7pm—9pm
- Starts 14th April
- Phone (03) 338 5119
- \$110 for the term

**WEA**  
**Creative Writing —Beginners**  
Discover your talents and grow in a supportive group with other beginner writers

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**Drop-In Social Club**  
**at Shirley Community Centre**

- Tuesdays 9am — 4pm
- Fridays 10am—5pm

Meet new people; children welcome  
Practise & get help with speaking English  
Do art & crafts

**COMPUTER SKILLS FOR HOME**

Small, informal and friendly class. Includes the internet, email and word processing.

- Shirley Boys High School
- Starts 6th May
- Thursdays 6pm—7pm
- Phone: (03) 375 7060
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**DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY**  
**Community Education at University of Canterbury**  
Get to know your digital camera and improve you photo taking skills.

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A community notice board tells us about the events happening in our community.

Work in pairs. Read the notices opposite and find the answers to the questions.

1. Which activities can you do on a Monday night?  
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\_\_\_\_\_
  
2. Which activities are free?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Which classes are for beginners?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
4. What event can you take children to?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
5. Which activities can you go to without having to join a class?  
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1. Which activities would you choose to go to from those opposite?

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2. What other activities would you find interesting to try?

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3. Your friend is feeling a bit bored with life. Give some advice to him /her on how to meet new people, learn new skills and have more fun.

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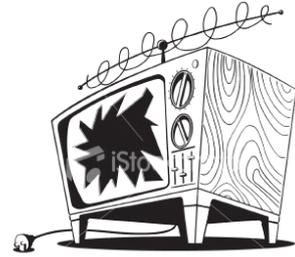
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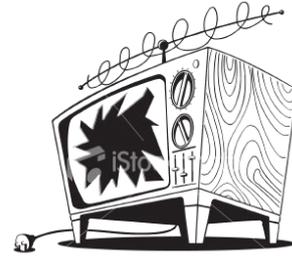
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- Customer:** Yes, that's fine. Could you give us a quote before you start work?  
The TV is quite old and we might buy a new one.
- Customer:** OK thanks.
- Customer:** How much do you charge?
- Customer:** Hello. Can I have the Service Department?
- Customer:** Yes, my TV is not working.
- Receptionist:** Hello. Scott's TV Repairs.
- Serviceman:** Service Department. John Scott speaking. Can I help you?
- Customer:** Since yesterday.
- Serviceman:** \$50 for a callout and \$40 an hour plus parts.
- Serviceman:** Goodbye.
- Serviceman:** Yes of course. I'll ask the repairman to do that as soon as he arrives.
- Receptionist:** Just putting you through now.
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**Customer:** Goodbye.

# A letter of complaint

1. You have moved into a new home. You have received a power bill for the first three weeks. You think it is too high. You want to write a letter to the power company about this.

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2.
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4.
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7.

2. Which parts of a letter go in each section opposite?

- A. Yours faithfully
- B. the address
- C. why you are writing
- D. the date
- E. explaining the situation
- F. Dear Sir/Madam
- G. what you want the reader to do

3. What do you need to say in your letter?

- A. how much you paid for your last bill
- B. details of the bill you have received
- C. the reason why you think the bill is too high
- D. when you left your old house
- E. the date you moved into your new home
- F. when you will pay
- G. what the power company should do
- H. what you will do if they don't do as you ask

4. Write a letter to the power company. Use the plan in Activity 1 and the language below to help you.

On 5th April you sent me a power bill .....  
We did not use this amount of power last month because .....  
We moved into our new house on 10th March .....  
Please could you