

Open Forum 2

Web Site Worksheet

Chapter 1

Name: _____

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1. Preparing to Listen

You are going to listen to a TV news program about the best places to live in the United States. Before you listen, think about the following questions.

How would you choose the best place to live? What factors would you consider?

What would be your ideal place to live?



2. Listening for Main Ideas

Read questions 1 and 2. Listen to the news program. Then choose the correct answer for each question.

- Which is the best place to live in America this year?
 - Ann Arbor, Michigan
 - Charlottesville, Virginia
 - Atlanta, Georgia
- Why is this not necessarily good news for the city that was chosen?
 - Too many people may move to the city.
 - Too many reporters will visit the city.
 - The value of homes will drop.



3. Listening for More Detail

Read questions 3–11. Then listen to the news program again and choose the correct answer for each question.

- What is the name of the magazine that lists the top places to live?
 - Kevin Ingles
 - City Select
 - Best Places
- Which of the following is mentioned as an advantage of living in Charlottesville?
 - good shopping
 - low house prices
 - beautiful nature

- Why is summer a good season in Charlottesville?
 - It's not very humid.
 - You can go water-skiing.
 - There are many colorful flowers.

- Who is Kenny Flint?
 - a city planner
 - a student
 - a reporter

- What does Kenny not like about Central Park?
 - There is a lot of pollution.
 - There are too many tourists.
 - It is too planned and man-made.

- Which of the following is a disadvantage of living in Charlottesville?
 - house prices
 - cost of living
 - sprawl

- Why does the newscaster mention Ann Arbor?
 - It was number two on the list this year.
 - It was number one on the list previously.
 - It is another city in Virginia.

- What negative effect did the increase in population cause in Ann Arbor?
 - poor public schools
 - more crime
 - increase in house prices

- The newscaster ends the broadcast by saying that this announcement could be a "double-edged sword." What does he mean?
 - The advantages might be greater than the disadvantages.
 - It might be both good and bad for the city.
 - It might just be bad for the city.