

Vocabulary

botanical garden

There's a botanical garden.

A botanical garden is like a plant museum. Notice the following:

1. The botanical garden has lots of flowers.
2. I love to walk through the botanical garden.



huge

It's huge.

Huge means really big. Notice the following:

1. The building is huge.
2. Elephants are huge.



food court

They have a food court where you can buy any kind of food you want.

A food court has many restaurants with the same seating area. Notice the following:

1. The food court gets busy at noon.
2. Thailand has great food courts.



field

We have parks that have baseball fields.

Here, a field is a place to play baseball. Notice the following:

1. The baseball field has lovely grass.
2. A famous baseball movie is Field of Dreams.



track

We have parks that have tracks.

Here, a track is a place for running or walking. Notice the following:

1. I often jog on the running track.
2. A running track usually has a paved surface.



tennis court

What about tennis courts?

A tennis court is a place to play tennis. Notice the following:

1. My school had three tennis courts.
2. Wimbledon has grass tennis courts.



Vocabulary Quiz

**botanical • baseball field • food court
track • huge • tennis court**

1. This baseball field is ____.
2. Let's go running on the ____.
3. That ____ serves cheap meals.
4. There are many flowers in the ____ garden.
5. Fenway Park is a famous baseball ____.
6. This ____ is made of clay.

Tacoma is home

Josh talks about his hometown of Tacoma and describes it to Shirley.

Shirley: So Josh, where do you come from?

Josh: I come from Tacoma.

Shirley: Tacoma.

Josh: Yeah.

Shirley: I've never heard of that. It's in America, right.

Josh: Yes, it's in Washington State, really close to Seattle.

Shirley: Oh, okay, Seattle. I've heard of that. Well, tell me about Tacoma.

Josh: Well, Tacoma is smaller than Seattle but it has many great things to do too.

Shirley: Okay. So give me some examples.

Josh: Well, there's a great park right in the center and at that park, there's a *botanical garden*.

Shirley: Wow. So a little bit like Melbourne, in Australia.

Josh: Yeah, it is.

Shirley: Okay. What about shopping?

Josh: Shopping? There's really one place for the best shopping, and that's the Tacoma Mall.

Shirley: Mall. Hmm, what's a mall?

Josh: It's a big indoor shopping center.

Shirley: Oh, it's all indoor.

Josh: Yeah.

Shirley: Wow that must be a really big building.

Josh: It's *huge*.

Shirley: Okay. What kind of shops do they have there?

Josh: Everything. They have lots of clothing shops, and they also have two sport shops and they have a *food court* where you can buy any kind of food you want.

Shirley: Wow. Well, that sounds convenient.

Josh: It is.

Shirley: Okay. Well, how about traveling around the city. What's the public transport system like?

Josh: Mostly, we travel by car. But there's buses too.

Shirley: Okay. So not so much public transport.

Josh: Not really. The buses stop early in the evening.

Shirley: Okay. I see. What about sports because, you know, in Australia, we have lots of places to play to sport. We really like our sport. So what about Tacoma? Are there many places to play sport?

Josh: Mostly, we have parks that have *baseball fields* and *tracks*. And those are the best places. But as far as professional sports, you have to go to Seattle.

Shirley: Oh, okay. What about *tennis courts*?

Josh: Tennis courts, I think there's one. But it's really expensive.

Shirley: Really?

Josh: Really.

Shirley: You know, in Australia, we have lots of tennis courts everywhere.

Josh: That must nice. I love tennis.

Shirley: Yeah. It's kind of fun. What about eating in Tacoma because it sounds like it's a little bit of a small town, so is there any good place to go and eat food?

Josh: That's one strong point. There's lots of restaurants. The best restaurant is actually near my house, and it's a barbecue restaurant.

Shirley: Okay, lucky for you.

Josh: Yeah.

Shirley: Tacoma sounds like a nice friendly place to live.

Josh: It is.

Quiz

Answer these questions about the interview.

- 1) The city is _____ Seattle.
 - a) part of
 - b) built like
 - c) not far from**

- 2) You can find _____ at the city center.
 - a) shopping
 - b) nature**
 - c) a train station

- 3) He says the mall is _____ .
 - a) outdoors
 - b) very big**
 - c) near his house

- 4) He thinks _____ are the best way to get around.
 - a) cars**
 - b) buses
 - c) trains

- 5) For sports, he mentions _____ .
 - a) baseball**
 - b) soccer
 - c) tennis**

Corporate Vocabulary

Marketing

This department manages the functions related to promoting, selling, and distributing goods or services.

“HR hired a new Marketing manager.”

“The Human Resources department has appointed a new Marketing Manager.”

KPI (Key Performance Indicator)

Measure of success.

“My team scored high in three of their KPIs.”

"My team exceeded targets in three of their primary KPIs this quarter."