

Focus 3

Reading and vocabulary

- Look at the three texts quickly. Where are the people from?
- Which Kingston is:
 - a city? Jamaica.
 - a large town?
 - a small town?
 - near a river?
 - near the sea?
 - near a lake?
- a) [4.5] Check the words and phrases in bold below. Listen and read the texts.

▶ Vocabulary book page 17.

Kingston, Jamaica	1 There's a lot of reggae music .
	2 There are some beautiful beaches .
	3 It's near London .
Kingston, England	4 There's a famous train .
	5 It's very busy .
	6 There are some beautiful parks.
Kingston, New Zealand	7 It's very quiet .
	8 It's not beautiful, but it's interesting .
	9 It's in the mountains .

b) Which three sentences are in the wrong place?

a, some and any

- Look at the three Kingston texts again. Which place do you think these sentences describe?
 - There isn't a university.
 - There aren't any mountains.
 - There are some big hotels.

My home town

Kingston



Gloria Seaga is a teacher from Kingston, Jamaica.



Kingston, Jamaica (population 700,000)

"Kingston isn't a beautiful city, but it's very busy and interesting. There are lots of people, lots of cafés, and there's reggae music everywhere! There are some beautiful places near Kingston – the Blue Mountains – and some beautiful beaches. It's a fantastic place!"

Grammar

a, some and any

- Singular**
- + There's a famous train.
 - There isn't a university.
 - ? Is there a river?
- Plural**
- + There are some parks.
 - There aren't any mountains.
 - ? Are there any beaches?

▶ Language summary 4B, page 114.

- Think of a town – not your town! Write five sentences about these things.

mountains a river a lake big shops
beautiful parks a university a beach

There are some mountains near ...
There isn't a university in ...

Nikita Aziz is a student at the University of Kingston, near London.



Kingston-upon-Thames, England (population 150,000)

"Kingston's a very busy town – there are a lot of shops and cars, and there's a university with students from all over the world! But it's a nice place – there's an old market square, and we're near the River Thames. There are some beautiful parks too."

Gavin Watt is a taxi driver from Kingston, New Zealand



Kingston, New Zealand (population 2,000)

"Kingston's a small town near Lake Wakatipu in the mountains. It's in a really beautiful place, but it's very quiet – there's only one school, one bank and one small supermarket! There's a famous old train here too, and some restaurants for the tourists."

Speaking task

- Write ten questions to ask another student about where he/she lives.
Are there any good restaurants near your house?



- Interview another student.

Don't forget!

"There are five (supermarkets)."
"No there isn't a (station), but there's a (bus stop)."
"Yes, it's near the sea – and there's a (beautiful beach) too."

Writing

- Write a paragraph about where you live.

In Latina there are some good restaurants and there's a beautiful park. There's a famous university, but there aren't any beaches. Near my house ...