



Family and Relationships

Short-answer questions: Kampung Admiralty in Singapore | Cambridge IGCSE ESL 0510/0511

1. Lead-in discussion

Talk with a partner before you read.

1. Why might older people feel lonely in a city?
2. What public spaces help different generations meet?
3. Should housing be designed around community life?
4. How can young and old people help each other?

Exercise 1 at a glance

Read one factual text. Answers are in the text. Copy exact words and check the question carefully before choosing your answer.

2. Read for overall understanding

Read the text. How does Kampung Admiralty encourage people to connect?

Kampung Admiralty

Kampung Admiralty is an integrated housing development in Singapore. The word *kampung* means village in Malay, and the name suggests a place where people can live with a stronger sense of community. The project was developed by Singapore's Housing and Development Board and opened in the northern town of Woodlands. It has won attention because it combines housing, health care and public space in one compact site.

The building was designed mainly for older residents, but it is not only a block of flats. It brings together apartments, shops, medical services, childcare and community spaces on one site. This means residents can find many daily services close to home. For an older person who finds long journeys tiring, having a medical centre, supermarket and places to rest in the same development can make daily life easier.

One important idea is intergenerational contact. A childcare centre is located in the same development as senior housing. Older residents may see children playing or taking part in activities, while families using the centre become part of the same local space. These everyday meetings are small, but they can help a building feel less like separate private flats and more like a neighbourhood.

The design also includes shared gardens and open areas. These spaces give residents somewhere to walk, rest and meet neighbours. Instead of travelling to several different buildings, people can use the development for health, shopping and social activities. The roof garden is not just decoration; it provides a cooler outdoor space where residents can sit, exercise gently or join community events.

Kampung Admiralty is sometimes described as a vertical village because several layers of community life are stacked within one building. This is useful in a city where land is limited. A mixed-use building can provide housing and services without spreading across a large area. Lifts, covered walkways and open public areas help people move between the different parts of the site.

The project also reflects a wider challenge in Singapore. As the population ages, more people need homes that are close to health services and daily support. At the same time, older residents may want independence rather than moving far away from familiar neighbourhoods. A building like Kampung Admiralty tries to answer both needs by combining privacy with shared facilities.

Another important point is that community cannot be created by architecture alone. Residents still need programmes, staff and neighbours who are willing to take part. Activities such as exercise sessions, health talks or gardening can make shared spaces more active. Without these, a garden or plaza might look attractive but remain underused.

The project cannot solve every problem linked to ageing or loneliness, and some residents will still need support from family, neighbours or social services. However, it shows how design can support relationships. When homes, services and public spaces are planned together, residents have more chances to meet, ask for help and take part in local life. The building is therefore an example of how housing can be planned around relationships, not only around rooms.

3. Strategy focus

Scan for exact words

Underline the key words in the question. Then scan for the same idea in the text and copy only the words needed for the answer.

4. Exam-style short-answer questions

Answer the questions using words from the text.

1. In which town did Kampung Admiralty open? [1]

2. Which organisation developed the project? [1]

3. What can make daily life easier for an older person? Give one example. [1]

4. What is the roof garden not just used as? [1]

5. What helps people move between the different parts of the site? Give one detail. [1]

6. According to the text, what are three shared facilities or spaces that can help residents connect with other people? [3]

5. Vocabulary notebook

Underline five useful words or phrases. Check their meaning, then record them in your vocabulary notebook.

6. Follow-up tasks

1. Discussion: Would you like to live in a building like this?
2. Summary: Summarise Kampung Admiralty in about 50 words.
3. Creative task: Design one shared space for young and older residents.
4. Research: Find another building designed for community life.

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4. Exam-style short-answer questions

1. Woodlands
2. Singapore's Housing and Development Board
3. Any one from: a medical centre; supermarket; places to rest.
4. decoration
5. Any one from: lifts; covered walkways; open public areas.
6. Any three from: the childcare centre in the same development; shared gardens; open areas; the roof garden.

Notes for checking

1. Answers should be short and clearly based on the text.
2. Accept bracketed or optional wording if the meaning is clear.
3. For the final question, learners need three separate details.