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Hi there! What do you native speakers call it --- an enclosed area in which there are quite a number of apartment buildings, with guards at the gate, usually having its own parking lot? Residential compound? Residential community? Or residential quarter? Thank you! In the UK, they're often called 'gated communities'. I call it a block of flats. The guard and parking lots are just inessential features of the thing - I mean they are inessential as far as its purpose goes, otherwise they are both good to have. Thank you! But does "residential quarter" make any sense to you? For example, if I say "When I arrived at the gate of my residential quarter, I found a fierce dog was barking at an old lady." Is it understandable to native speakers? Thank you! But does "residential quarter" make any sense to you? For example, if I say "When I arrived at the gate of my residential quarter, I found a fierce dog was barking at an old lady." Is it understandable to native speakers? It sounds strange and archaic. We could figure out that by "residential quarter," you mean "home," but nothing in that term tells us that you live in a gated community. Sorry, Glad, my comment was off - I misread the question. Then, in full honesty, 'residential quarter' would give me an idea as to the intended meaning, but it is not something that I have heard. I mean, for me 'quarter' would be a part of any town in which a certain ethnic group lives. PS. I do understand 'compound', however - I would infer a fence surrounding some houses, possibly a guard as well. I don't know if I've ever seen a gated community with actual guards. Maybe they had guards in the past, but these days, don't they usually just have a sensor where you swipe an ID card, and that opens the gate? But heck, gated communities are quite rare in Indiana (I have almost never even seen one except on TV and in movies), so maybe I've missed the latest trends. Is the same term used for the sort with a guard and the sort with an unmanned gate? Last edited: Aug 26, 2013 Oxford Dictionary has such an item :housing estate (BrE) (also housing development AmE, BrE) noun an area in which a large number of houses or flats/apartments are planned and built together at the same time: They live on a housing estate.Can I use "housing estate" to refer to "gated community"? Last edited: Aug 26, 2013 The levels of security applied to gated communities vary according to the perceived threat from without. >> But isn't it a little awkward to say "when I arrived at the gate of my gated community..."? Yes, it might be. You could replace the first 'gate' with 'entrance'.>> Can I use "housing estate" to refer to "gated community"? This wouldn't work in the UK. (your picture doesn't work either). Oxford Dictionary has such an item :housing estate (BrE) (also housing development AmE, BrE)> an area in which a large number of houses or flats/apartments are planned and built together at the same time: They live on a housing estate.Can I use "housing estate" to refer to "gated community"? Not here in the US, no. Last edited by a moderator: Aug 26, 2013 Thanks so much! How I love this forum! also housing development AmE In AmE, a housing development is very different from a gated community. The latter is typically occupied by fairly well-off people who own their single-family homes. "Housing development" is typically a cluster of buildings with rental apartments, either middle-class or specifically designed, with government sponsorship and often subsidized rents, for those less well off. In AmE, a housing development is very different from a gated community. The latter is typically occupied by fairly well-off people who own their single-family homes. 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We might be talking about a regional difference, because to me housing development covers developments with single-family housing only as well as developments with a mix of single-family housing and other sorts of housing (apartments, condominiums, etc.) There is for me no implication that there's government funding - I guess there could be, but that's not part of the definition.I very seldom hear regular people use the term residential community. To me, that just sounds like a term used in marketing - the sort of thing real estate developers use to make their housing developments sound friendly and neighborhood-like. After all, aren't most communities "residential"? Last edited: Aug 26, 2013 In reply to Kate (post #15): I guess my references were mainly to New York City and its immediate surroundings. In non-urban areas, now that I think about it, "housing development" can indeed mean a cluster of single-family homes, often with substantial acreage. I agree that "residential community" is a very broad, often vague term meaning a place where people live, anything from an immediate neighborhood within a city to the whole of a town. Hi, everyoneMicrodistrict - WikipediaMicrodistrict, or microrraion is a residential complex a primary structural element of the residential area construction in the Soviet Union and in some post-Soviet countries.I wonder if this concept would be used to describe the gated community in China. Thanks.I once heard residential compounds of China in a podcast

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