

# Around Kensington Market

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**Word count: 153**

(pp. 5–9, not including the labels or captions)

## Overview

This book explores the history and present-day features of Toronto's Kensington Market, a vibrant multicultural neighbourhood.

<b>Genre/Text Type</b> Non-fiction/Description	<b>Text Features</b> Boldface type, captions, fact box, headings, italics, labels, maps (one with legend), photos, pronunciation guide, table of contents
<b>Connection</b> <b>Social Studies</b> Community Celebrations and Events	<b>Vocabulary</b> Words that might require clarification include <i>Chinatown</i> , <i>cultural/cultures</i> , <i>First Nations</i> , <i>Japanese</i> , <i>market</i> (noun), <i>musicians</i> , <i>Pakistan</i> , <i>Punjabi</i> , <i>seaport</i> , <i>supermarket</i> , and <i>traditional/traditions</i> .
	<b>Using Apostrophes</b> Consider pointing out the word <i>farmers'</i> on page 14. Ask: <i>Why is the apostrophe after the letter s and not before the letter? What does this tell us?</i> Compare the different meanings of <i>farmers</i> (plural), <i>farmer's</i> (singular possessive), and <i>farmers'</i> ( <b>plural possessive</b> ).

## eBook Activities

**Predicting** (table of contents); **Analyzing and Evaluating** (page 11); **Using Text Features** (page 12)

## Extensions

**Analyzing and Evaluating:** Consider using questions such as the following to discuss with children two apparent contradictions in the book: *On page 11, the author talks about “the big little world” of Kensington Market. How can it be big and little at the same time?* (The market covers a very small part of the city, but it's like a “big world” because people from all over the world can be found there.) *Page 14 says the Halifax Seaport Farmers' Market is “the oldest market in Canada.” How can this be true when the building looks very new?* (The market has been in various locations over the years, and is now in a new building.)

**Summarizing:** Write three sentences to tell three important facts you learned about Kensington Market.

**Making Connections:** **AT HOME** Tell an adult at home about Kensington Market. If you have been to a mall or the main street of a small town, talk about how it is like Kensington Market and how it is different. You could also talk about where your family shops for foods such as fruits and vegetables. Has anyone in your family been to a market where farmers sell the food they grow?

