My favorite place is the Tri-City Mall. After a tough day at school or a Saturday morning full of chores, the Tri-City is the perfect place for relaxing and having fun with friends.

The food court is the most popular mall destination. Brightly lit signs advertise snacks, dinners, and drinks to please any taste. Chinese vegetable dishes and grilled burgers send out tempting aromas. The smooth texture of frozen yogurt and the crunch of buttered popcorn can satisfy anyone with a case of the after-school munchies. The food court offers something for everyone.

Of course, no one wants to sit around and eat all afternoon. Another place to have fun at the mall is the arcade, with its computer games and old-fashioned pinball machines. Loudspeakers blare thumping, exciting music that blends with the beeps and buzzes from the games. Spending an hour at the game hall makes me forget about my worries.

One of the most interesting features of the mall is people who go there. You never know what or whom you will see. I’ve seen every hairstyle imaginable there, from the latest to slightly scary. Moms and dads scramble to keep their excited children from racing into the toy store. Couples stroll around the fountain, holding hands. Older people power walk in sweat suits and tennis shoes. Choosy shoppers pace in front of colorful window displays, trying to decide what to buy. Watching people at the Tri-City is always entertaining.

Last but not least, you can shop at the mall! The latest CDs, exercise machines, and trendy fashions are all at your fingertips. Bookstores are filled with new books. Banners announce free samples of food or makeup in many different stores. It’s fun to browse, but sometimes it’s more fun to buy!

The Tri-City Mall is a special place. I think it is the perfect environment for snacking, socializing, playing games, and shopping—everything I like to do after a busy day.