

UNIT 1C (B1) – CHECKING VOCABULARY

2 a Give the correct meaning for each word/ phrase

- 1 The number of online dating sites is **increasing**.
Finding a date is **becoming easier**.
- 2 The number of young people buying houses has **decreased** this year. The number of new home owners **went down** last year, too.
- 3 Driverless cars could **reduce** the number of accidents.
Driving in big cities should **improve**.
- 4 The population of cities **is rising** as more young people move to big cities. The population of London **went up** again this year.
- 5 In some countries, power from wind farms and the sun is replacing energy from oil. Air pollution in towns **is falling** as a result.
- 6 The weather is not likely to **improve**. In fact, it is **getting worse**, not **getting better**. Experts say it is **becoming harder** to fight events like forest fires.

2 b Match the words and phrases in the first column with their opposites in the second column

1. Decreasing/ falling/
going down
2. Getting harder
3. Getting worse

- A. Getting easier
- B. Improving/ getting better
- C. Increasing/ rising/ going up

3 Choose the correct alternatives.

- 1** It is fantastic that it's becoming *easier/harder* to get electricity from the sun and the wind.
- 2** People can't buy a house because *the* prices are going *up/down* all the time.
- 3** The number of driverless cars needs to *get better/go up* to make the roads in big cities safer.
- 4** The number of people experiencing bad weather is *increasing/decreasing* and scientists are very worried that this situation will continue.
- 5** Everyone is happy when things *get better/decrease* and worried when they *improve/get worse*.
- 6** In some countries, the population is *rising/falling* so there aren't enough young people.