# 5B Listening

**1** Listen and complete the sentences. Then practise saying the sentences. 44

1 The UN predicts that by 2050, half the world's population will be living in _____.
2 We need _____ to the problems of urbanisation.
3 Finding ways to _____ will improve air quality for everyone.
4 Renewable energies can help reduce our reliance on _____.
5 Climate change could lead to _____, threatening coastal areas.
6 Many members of the millennial generation are _____.
7 The city is taking an _____ to solving urban issues.
8 Large-scale _____ need cutting-edge technologies.

**2** Listen to a talk about Las Vegas, Nevada, and choose the correct answer to the questions. 45

1 What aspect of Las Vegas does the speaker mainly discuss?
**a** water conservation
**b** gambling and hotels
**c** urban development
**d** convention space

2 What does the speaker imply when she says 'The oft repeated theme of Las Vegas is 'what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas.' In the case of urban development, perhaps we should hope that it doesn't.'
**a** There shouldn't be more urban development in Las Vegas.
**b** Valuable lessons can be learnt from development in Las Vegas.
**c** Las Vegas is not a good example of sustainable development.
**d** Urbanisation issues are especially problematic in Las Vegas.

**3** Listen again. Match the two parts of the phrases. 45

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| **1** urban | **a** development |
| **2** environmentally-conscious | **b** project |
| **3** eco-rated | **c** approach |
| **4** cutting-edge | **d** urban developments |
| **5** green | **e** areas |
| **6** eco-friendly | **f** buildings |
| **7** millennial | **g** city |
| **8** large-scale | **h** generation |

**4** Listen again and choose the correct answer. 45

1 According to the speaker, what kind of reputation does Las Vegas have?
**a** eco-friendly **c** excellent
**b** excessive

2 How do we know that buildings are eco-rated?
**a** certifications **c** regulations
**b** licences

3 What expression does the speaker use meaning 'to have a small environmental impact'?
**a** go gingerly **c** tread lightly
**b** live simply

4 Why is water conservation especially important in Las Vegas?
**a** It's in a very dry environment.
**b** It has many large conventions.
**c** There are many water features.

5 Why does being eco-friendly make business sense to Mr Murren?
**a** 12,000 employees work in the development.
**b** Many millennials are environmentally aware.
**c** The complex has bars, shops and restaurants.

6 What example of environmental awareness does Mr Murren give?
**a** organic menus **c** recycling food
**b** solar technology

7 What criticism of City Center is given by Mr Roch?
**a** The size and magnitude of the development is excessive.
**b** Natural resources were not recycled during the project.
**c** Creating new buildings has a negative impact on the environment.

8 What does the saying 'what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas' mean?
**a** Las Vegas is an unusual place to stay.
**b** What you do in Las Vegas is your own business.
**c** There is always a lot happening in Las Vegas.

**5** Complete the sentences with the missing words, then listen again and check your answers. Use up to three words in each gap. 45

1 City Center is a _____ located on the famous Las Vegas Strip.
2 The _____ is the size of two New York city blocks.
3 200 million litres of water a year are saved using _____.
4 Younger customers are generally more _____ and want to have a green lifestyle.
5 A better way to save natural resources is to _____ buildings.

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