UNIT 6: TRANSPORT AND PLACES IN TOWN

A. Reading

Exercise 1: Match the words with the pictures. Use the words in the box.

airport	bus station	department store	market	museum	park
		restaurant	train station		



1 _____



2 _____



3 _____



4 _____



5 _____



6 _____



7 _____



8 _____

Exercise 2: Read a magazine article about a city. Then complete the next exercise.

Madrid, the capital city of Spain, is a great place to visit. It is possible to see some of the important places in one week, but it is better to stay for two weeks if you want to see al of

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them. It is good to stay in hotel in the city center, because you be close to most places to visit, but it can be expensive. The bus is slower than the train, but you will be able to see the different parts of the city. There are a number of interesting museums and art galleries in Madrid. The most famous museum is the Prado, which has many famous paintings. This museum is close to a big, beautiful park with many trees and flowers, and a big lake, where you can rent a boat. Many people like to walk or ride bicycles in the park.

There are many great places where visitors to Madrid can have lunch. Instead of going to a restaurant, try the Mercado de San Miguel, a big indoor market with many types of tasty Spanish food. Remember that Spanish people eat dinner later, between 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., so most restaurants will not be open between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Don't wait until you arrive at the airport to buy presents to take home. There are many good shops, and a famous department store which is the best place to buy food, clothes and gifts.

Match the sentence halves. Read the magazine article again to help you.

1 It is a good idea to stay	●	● between 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
2 You can travel to city center	●	● is a good place to eat lunch.
3 The Prado	●	● two weeks in Madrid.
4 You can rent a boat	●	● is the most famous museum in Madrid.
5 The Mercado de San Miguel	●	● by bus or train.
6 Most Spanish people eat dinner	●	● in the park.

Exercise 3: Read the magazine article again. Choose True or False.

	True	False
1 In one week, you can see all of the important places in Maddrid.	○	○
2 It is difficult to travel to the center from the north of the city.	○	○
3 The Prado museum is not very famous.	○	○
4 It takes longer to travel by bus than by train.	○	○
5 A lot of people like to cycle in the park.	○	○
6 The writer says that visitors to Maddrid should have lunch in a restaurant.	○	○
7 Between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., most restaurants in Maddrid are closed.	○	○

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8 The writer says that visitors to Madrid shouldn't buy presents at a department store.	○	○

Exercise 4: Read the texts about different cities. Then complete the exercise.

A. Joel from London

There are so many different activities to do in London that you will never get bored. My favorite thing about London is probably the choice of food. You can find everything from Italian to Iranian food! A lot of people think that it is expensive to eat in London, but it depends where you go to eat. There are plenty of good markets that sell excellent and cheap food. The worst thing about living in London is definitely all the cars. I never drive there because it is too dangerous.

B. Alice from Birmingham

Many people say that Birmingham is not a beautiful city, but I don't think this is true at all. There are some lovely parks and green areas, especially around the university. Birmingham is also a great city for eating and shopping and it is much cheaper to live there than in London, where I lived for two years. The thing I dislike about living in Birmingham is the pollution, the dirty air. It is worse now than it was in the past because of all the cars.

C. David from Cardiff

Cardiff is quite a small city, but there are a lot of interesting museums and art galleries to visit. It is also a really good place for watching sports games like football and rugby. Because Cardiff is not a very big city, a lot of visitors find that people are very friendly and will always help you to find your way around. The worst thing about living in Cardiff is the weather. It rains a lot in the winter.

D. Fiona from Edinburgh

Edinburgh is a nice city with beautiful old buildings. It is very good for food and entertainment. Because it is a small city, you can walk to places easily and you do not normally need to use public transport. The worst thing about living in Edinburgh is that it can be very busy in the summer when there are a lot of tourists. I prefer it in winter, when it is cold and snowy.

Match the information with the correct paragraph. Read the texts about different cities on again to help you.

	A	**B**	**C**	**D**
1 You can watch a lot of sports games in this city.	○	○	○	○
2 This city is not good for driving.	○	○	○	○
3 This city is not expensive to live in.	○	○	○	○
4 The people in this city are helpful if you get lost.	○	○	○	○

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5 there are a lot of people visiting this city in the summer.	○	○	○	○
6 The food in this city is not as expensive as people think.	○	○	○	○
7 It is easy to travel on foot in this city.	○	○	○	○
8 A lot of people think that this is not an attractive city.	○	○	○	○

Exercise 5: Read the newspaper article about cycling in cities. Then complete the exercise.

Today, many large cities around the world have too many cars on their roads. This is bad for cities, because it takes people a long time to travel to work, and there are many more car accidents. However, the biggest problem with cars is that there is lot of pollution in cities. This is bad for people's health. One way to stop this problem is for people to leave their cars at home and use public transport, for example buses and trains. Many cities like London and Paris now have a new cleaner way for people to travel. They can rent bicycles to travel around the city. It is a healthy and cheap way to travel, and many people now prefer to use bicycles for short journeys.

In London, there are special stations to rent bicycles. People take a bicycle from one station and return it to a different station later in the day. It costs £2.00 to rent a bicycle for 30 minutes, £3.00 for one hour, and £5.00 for two hours. There are many different bicycle stations around the city. Most of the stations are in the city center, but there are also some stations in areas where people live and near places like parks and museums. The most popular time for people to use these bicycles is at the weekend, but many people also use the bicycles to travel to work in the mornings on weekdays. In Paris, people can rent bicycles in the same way as they can in London, but Paris has more bicycle stations than London.

There are many cities around the world where people can rent bicycles in this way. The first bicycle stations were in Amsterdam in the Netherlands, while Hangzhou is the first city in China to build a set of bicycle stations. Copenhagen in Denmark has the most modern bicycles. The bicycles there have computer screens which give people directions to different places in the city. Copenhagen is a very good city for riding bicycles. There is a lot of space for people to cycle on the roads, and there are even some special traffic lights for bicycles. It is not surprising that more people travel by bicycle in Copenhagen than by car. In the future, it is likely that people will be able to rent bicycles in many more cities around the world. This means that there will be fewer cars and less pollution.

Riding bicycles is not only a good way to stop pollution. Many people say that they also feel happier when they ride a bicycle than they do when they drive a car, or take a bus or train. This is because they feel healthier, have more energy and can also save money. More people now travel to work by bicycle in many cities than before and people are more likely to go shopping in areas of the city that are close to bicycle stations. The areas close to bicycle stations are even becoming popular places for people to live.

Choose the correct answers. Read the newspaper article again to help you.

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1 The most important problem with cars in cities is *longer travel times/ more car accidents/* ***more pollution.***

2 To rent a bicycle in London for one-hour costs *£2.00/* ***£3.00/*** *£ 4.00*

3 Most of the bicycle stations in London are ***in the city centre/*** *near people's houses/ near pâks and museums.*

4 The most popular time for people to rent bicycles in London is ***at the weekend/*** *in the mornings/ on weekdays.*

5 In Paris, the number of bicycle stations is smaller than *in London/* ***larger than in London/*** *the same as in London.*

6 The first country to have bicycle stations was *China/ Denmark/* ***The Netherlands.***

7 For people riding bicycles, Copenhagen has a lot of ***space/*** *stations/ traffic lights.*

8 Bicycle stations in cities have changed *where people go shopping/ where people work/* ***where people live.***

Exercise 6: Look at the maps of New City in 2007 and 2017. Complete the sentences with the missing information.



1 New City has a river in the *middle/ north/ south* of the city.

2 The bus station is in the *east/ north/ south* of the city.

3 The train station moved to the *north/ east/ west* of the city in 2017.

4 The hospital in 2017 is *smaller than/ bigger than/ the same as* it was in 2007.

5 In 2007, there were *fewer/ more/ no* places to go shopping in the city.

6 The new airport is *west/ north/ south* of the shopping center.

7 The river is now the *busiest/ quietest/ smallest* area of the city.

8 There are *fewer/ more/ less* schools in 2017 than in 2007.

Exercise 7: Complete the table with the correct adjective, comparative or superlative forms.

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Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
1 small	_____	the smallest
2 _____	bigger	_____
3 _____	_____	the most expensive
4 important	_____	_____
5 _____	easier	_____
6 _____	_____	the best
7 bad	_____	_____
8 much/ many	_____	the most
9 a lot	_____	the most

Exercise 8: Choose the correct words to complete the paragraph.

There were some big/ bigger/biggest changes to New City between 2007 and 2017. Perhaps the most important change is that there are now a lot/ more/ most types of transport. There is a new bus station and an airport. The buildings are also much tall/ taller/ tallest than they were in 2007. There are many new modern apartment buildings and the new hospital is much modern/ more modern/ most modern than the old one. In 2007, the river was quiet/ quiter/ quietest than it is now. There were not a lot of/ the most/ most shops and restaurants. Now there are more shops and restaurants and the area is much busy/ busier/ busiest than it was before. Most people who live in New City think that it is a good/ bettter/ best place to live now than it was in 2007.

Exercise 9: Put the description of two maps of a city in 2007 and 2017 in the correct order.

Firstly, there are more types of transport than in the past. In 2007, New City had just one train station in the west of the city. The city now has an airport in the east and a bus station in the south west. In addition, people can rent bicycles in several areas of the city center.

Secondly, the buildings in New City are very different today. In 2007, most people lived in houses. Now, there are new apartment buildings. There is a bigger, more modern hospital, and there are many more shops and restaurant, including a large new shopping center in the east of the city.

It is an attractive city with a river and several green areas. The main center is opposite a large park. The two biggest changes to New City that we can see are the different types of public transport and buildings.

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The two maps how some of the main changes to a city between 2007 and 2017. The name of the city is New City.

B. Listening & Speaking

Exercise 1: Listen to the descriptions and match them with the places. ***(Tracks 6.1 → 6.7)***

department store	hotel	library	police station	post office
sport center	supermarket			

1 post office

2 hotel

3 police station

4 library

5 sport center

6 restaurant

7 department store

8 supermarket

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