

Complete the gaps with the words in the box to create the video titles.

committed

embrace

foliage

laying

purify

retain

uncover

- a) *Green cities: the importance of urban trees*
- b) *Learn to meditate and your sanity in an ever-changing world*
- c) *Home schooling: the foundations for your child's future*
- d) *..... the environmental benefits of a vegan diet*
- e) *How trees the air*
- f) *Politicians who stay to saving wildlife*
- g) *How green influences our mental health*

You are going to watch a video about the importance of trees in cities.

Look at the questions below and discuss the answers.

- a) What did two ancient cities, Uruk and Anuradhapura, have in common?
 - 1) The population of both cities grew until the inhabitants couldn't feed themselves.
 - 2) Both relied heavily on irrigation systems.
 - 3) Their irrigation systems turned out to be a failure.
- b) Which of the following statements about trees is NOT correct?
 - 1) They keep cities clean by retaining toxins.
 - 2) They protect from mudslides and floods.
 - 3) They purify the air.
- c) What happened in Manhattan in the 1870s?
 - 1) There were hardly any trees on the island and people started suffering from serious lung diseases.
 - 2) Intense sunlight damaged buildings and caused sanitation standards to drop.
 - 3) High temperatures combined with poor sanitation standards caused dangerous bacteria to breed.
- d) How does green foliage influence our mental health?
 - 1) Patients recover more quickly if hospitals are surrounded by trees.
 - 2) It increases the quality of the air we breathe.
 - 3) It helps us concentrate better.
- e) What are Supertrees?
 - 1) 50-metre tall vertical gardens
 - 2) 50-metre tall trees
 - 3) green areas in some megacities

Match the sentence halves.

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| a) It worked in concert | 1) with solar energy and collected |
| b) They absorbed | rainwater. |
| c) They contribute | 2) to pollution and natural disasters. |
| d) It increased the resilience | 3) natural biodiversity. |
| e) It preserves | 4) with the surrounding forest. |
| f) They sustain themselves | 5) to the city's poor air quality. |
| | 6) too much solar radiation. |

Choose the most logical option to complete the ideas

- a) Green areas which already exist in cities should be
- 1) executed 2) incorporated 3) preserved 4) purified
- b) The local government should tree planting into urban development plans.
- 1) associate 2) contribute 3) incorporate 4) ensure
- c) Schools should be committed educating children about the importance of keeping urban areas green.
- 1) to 2) on 3) for 4) towards
- d) Cities should sustain themselves renewable energy.
- 1) by 2) of 3) on 4) with
- e) Citizens should the importance of using public transport.
- 1) designate 2) recognise 3) ensure 4) sustain
- f) The local government should help people the benefits of urban green areas, e.g. by organising community events in parks.
- 1) accumulate 2) enforce 3) sustain 4) uncover
- g) The local government should work concert with the national authorities.
- 1) at 2) from 3) in 4) on