

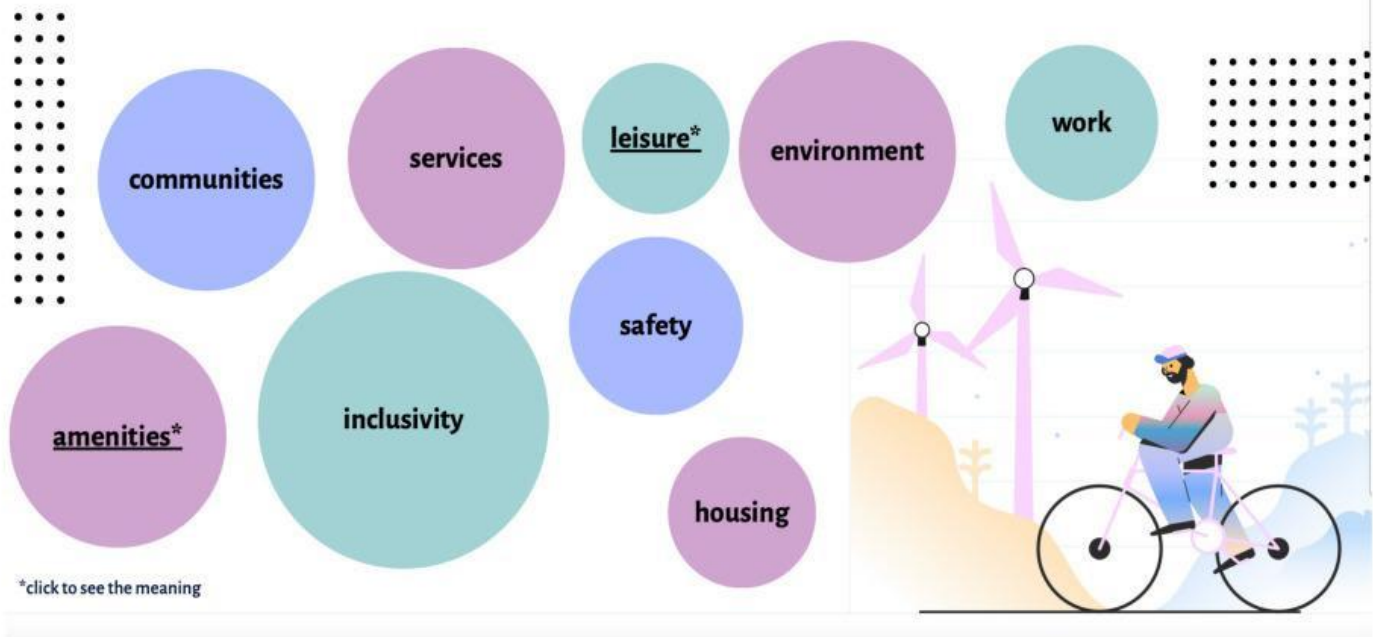
Match the highlighted words to their meanings below.

Seattle, Portland, Paris, Barcelona, Tempe, Vancouver, Shanghai, and countless other cities of all sizes have launched more daring initiatives that aim at placing the **essential** services we need for our daily lives within **proximity** of where we live. Each initiative defines "proximity" differently. There is the 1-minute city in Sweden, **superblocks** in Barcelona, the 15-minute city in Paris, Melbourne's 20-minute neighborhoods, etc. The common thread is a **decentralized** city with multiple centers where "living, learning, working, caring, enjoying, supplying" happen within a limited walkable or bikeable radius. Centers where the built environment serves the way we live our lives in **sympiosis** with our environment (not the car).



1. interaction between two different organisms living in close physical association typically to the advantage of both.
2. a very large commercial or residential block barred to through traffic, crossed by pedestrian walks.
3. nearness in space, time, or relationship.
4. absolutely necessary; extremely important.
5. controlled by several local offices or authorities rather than one single one.

You are going to watch a video about the concept of a 15-minute city.
What changes might these spheres of our life experience?

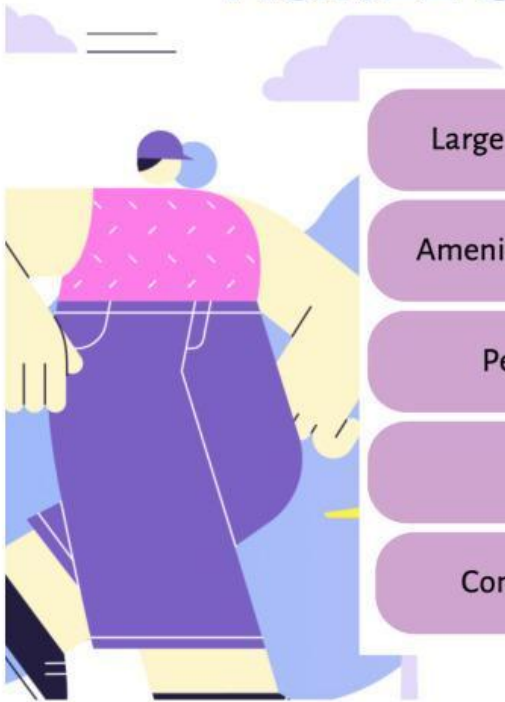


An illustration of a neighborhood. In the foreground, there are stylized houses with orange roofs and white walls. Some houses have solar panels on their roofs. There are green trees and bushes. In the background, more houses and trees are visible. At the bottom, there are small figures of people, including a person in a blue shirt and a person in an orange shirt, walking or standing. The overall style is colorful and modern.

2.Fill in the gaps in the sentences.

- 1.Before the lockdown we led hectic lives with long _____ and not enough time to spend with our families.
- 2.Traffic polluted our air and smog blanketed our _____.
- 3.It is a growing movement to make our lives in cities more convenient, less stressful and more _____.
- 4.A 15-minute city is one where it's easy to get _____ and services.
- 5.Fresh groceries, healthcare and other _____ are all just a short trip away.
- 6.A 15-minute city has _____, accessible, and adaptable housing for households of all sizes and ages.
- 7.Together we can reimagine and create the future we want, one that is cleaner, safer, healthier and more _____.

AGREE OR DISAGREE



Large cities can be sustainable and can decrease the level of pollution.

Amenities are more important than the location of the place you live in.

People don't really pay attention to the inclusivity of their city.

The bigger the city is, the more opportunities you get.

Commuting isn't really a problem. You can spend this time wisely.