

Great Thinkers B1+

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LISTENING

1 Listen again. Choose the best answers.

 Unit 3 Test Audio

- 1 People have always visited Bath ...
 - A to go to the Roman Baths museum.
 - B for health reasons.
 - C because it's a special city.
- 2 Pulteney Bridge is different from other bridges because ...
 - A it's very beautiful.
 - B it's extremely old.
 - C there are shops and restaurants built on it.
- 3 Which of these things can you do at Pulteney Bridge?
 - A hire a canoe
 - B do a bicycle tour
 - C swim in the river
- 4 How long did Jane Austen live in Bath for?
 - A three years
 - B four years
 - C five years
- 5 Where is Victoria Park?
 - A in the suburbs
 - B right in the city centre
 - C close to the city centre

Score: / 5

VOCABULARY

- 2 Match the words in the box to the photos. There are two words that you do not need to use.

bungalows cottages detached houses flats houseboats mansions
terraced houses

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Score: / 5

3 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

busy modern noisy popular quiet run-down

- 1 The houses are all new in our town, so it looks very _____.
- 2 Our flat is on the top floor. You can't hear the traffic at all, so it's really _____.
- 3 We live in a city with lots of people. It can be difficult to walk around on a Saturday because it's so _____.
- 4 It's hard to buy a house in that village as it's an extremely _____ place to live.
- 5 No one has lived in that old house for ten years, so it's very _____.
- 6 We live near an airport. You can hear the planes outside in our garden, so it's very _____.

Score: / 6

4 Choose the correct alternative.

- 1 Venice is very crowded in the summer. The cafés and restaurants are all *packed/dreadful*.
- 2 Greenland is very cold in the winter, especially in the north where it's absolutely *stunning/freezing*.
- 3 Copenhagen's a really clean city. The streets are *spotless/filthy*.
- 4 Sydney is famous for its *huge/hideous* bridge crossing the harbour.

Score: / 4

5 Complete the sentences with the correct adjective form of the words in the box.

charm history impress live peace

- 1 We live in the city centre, so there's always something going on. It's really _____.
- 2 Our flat is on the very top floor. The views are very _____.
- 3 York is a very old city. It has lots of famous _____ buildings.
- 4 I like going for a walk by the river early in the morning because it's really quiet and _____.
- 5 My aunt lives in a little _____ cottage in a pretty village.

Score: / 5

GRAMMAR

6 Choose the correct alternative.

- 1 We *didn't go/haven't been* to the National History Museum yesterday.
- 2 She's *been/was* much happier since she moved to Vienna.
- 3 When *did she win/has she won* the Prize?
- 4 I'm visiting my sister who lives in New York. She *lived/has lived* here for three years.
- 5 My home town *didn't change/hasn't changed* much in the last five years.
- 6 *Did you go/Have you been* to Liverpool before?
- 7 When *did she buy/has she bought* that cottage?
- 8 He *travelled/has travelled* all the way across South America in six months.

Score: / 8

7 Complete the mini-dialogues with the words in the box. There are two words that you do not need to use.

already ever for just never since yet

- 1 **Ana:** Why don't you go to the art gallery?
Ben: I've _____ been there. I went yesterday.
- 2 **Tom:** I've _____ got back from the market. It was packed.
Mia: We haven't seen our friends _____ March.

3 **Bob:** Have you _____ been to Bulgaria?

Zac: No, have you?

4 **Ava:** Have you seen everything you wanted to see?

Liz: No, I haven't visited the museum _____. It's on my list of 'things to do'.

Score: / 5

8 Choose the best answers to complete the dialogue.

Ruth: Hi Kim, how's university going?

Kim: Great, thanks, Aunt Ruth. I 1 _____ it so far. Bath's an amazing city.

Ruth: Are you living in the city centre?

Kim: No, I have a room on the university campus. But I 2 _____ the city at the weekends.

Ruth: 3 _____ any clubs?

Kim: Yeah. I 4 _____ the hockey and tennis clubs, but I 5 _____ much time to play yet.

Ruth: What about your studies? 6 _____ hard?

Kim: Of course! I always work hard.

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| 1 A 've loved | B 've been loving | C loved |
| 2 A 've just explored | B explored | C 've been exploring |
| 3 A Have you joined | B Have you ever joined | C Have you been joining |
| 4 A 've already joined | B joined | C 've been joining |
| 5 A didn't have | B haven't had | C haven't been having |
| 6 A Did you work | B Have you worked | C Have you been working |

Score: / 6

USE OF ENGLISH

9 Choose the best answers (A, B, C or D) to complete the text.

TRAMS – THE ANSWER TO CITY TRANSPORT?

In recent years, there 1 _____ a rebirth of the once much-loved means of transport, the tram. Many cities in the UK and Europe 2 _____ new tram lines to solve their transport problems. Some have caused a lot of problems for local residents during the building process. However, they have been extremely 3 _____ with people once they are operating. As trams use electricity and create no pollution, they are also good for the environment.

In the UK, there are now eight cities offering tram services. The tram system in Nottingham has been serving the north of the city 4 _____ over 12 years. It has carried over a hundred million people during this time. Although some people have complained that the trams are 5 _____ and sometimes delayed, many say there have been big improvements in journey times.

Trams have also been a great success in Croydon in South London. The tram system has been operating there 6 _____ 2020. It has transformed the lives of residents, especially those living in New Addington, a large 7 _____ on the 8 _____ of Croydon. They can now get to the town centre in about 40 minutes.

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| 1 A has been | B is | C was being | D was |
| 2 A have just built | B built | C were building | D have been building |
| 3 A popular | B charming | C lively | D impressive |
| 4 A in | B during | C for | D since |
| 5 A surprising | B ancient | C crowded | D spotless |
| 6 A for | B from | C since | D until |
| 7 A industrial estate | B mansion | C housing estate | D detached house |
| 8 A square | B outskirts | C suburbs | D bridge |

Score: / 8

READING

10 Read the text.

Europe's favourite cities to live in!

We explore four cities which score highly on the list of best places to live in Europe.

Skopje, North Macedonia

About a quarter of North Macedonia's population lives in Skopje, which has seen huge changes since 1963 when an earthquake destroyed about 80% of the city. Since then, they have rebuilt important parts of the city, including the National Theatre, government buildings and bridges. One major attraction in Skopje is its Old Bazaar, one of the largest and oldest markets in the region. It's not just a place to do your shopping, you can also find the Museum of Modern Art there. People who live in Skopje like the fact that the cost of living is low, and accommodation is quite cheap. What's more, summer lasts for six months!

Warsaw, Poland

The Vistula River divides Poland's capital in two, and the two halves are quite different. In general, you see a lot of office buildings and smart clothes on the west bank while the east bank is full of art and artists.

During World War II the capital lost 90% of its buildings, but they have rebuilt many of them and the city is as beautiful as it ever was. Just look at the historic Old Town, for example, with its stunning square surrounded by colourful buildings.

Over the years, Warsaw has become more attractive to young people, with its beaches along the river, various cultural events, modern skyscrapers, and busy cafés.

Budapest, Hungary

Budapest's stunning historic centre and low cost of living are just two of the reasons why people like living there. It also has a wide variety of public transport ranging from buses and trains to trams and boats. The city is famous for its impressive bridges over the River Danube, which connect hilly Buda with flat Pest. The two different parts of the city were actually two cities until 1873. From the Pest side of the city, you get stunning views of the huge Buda castle which sits on the hill of Buda. The city is also famous for its ancient public baths where the locals sit and play chess. The covered market has hundreds of varieties of cold meats and spices to choose from. And the old-fashioned cafés in Pest, selling hot chocolate and delicious cakes, make it a popular place for tourists.

Ljubljana, Slovenia

Ljubljana is the tiny capital of Slovenia. Just 300,000 people live there and 40,000 of these are students. For this reason, it's never crowded, but at the same time, it's lively and never boring.

The charming old town is small enough to explore on foot. You can also relax in one of the many cafés by the lovely river which runs through the middle of the town. Other sights include a pretty bridge crossing the river and an ancient castle sitting on a hill above the city. There's also Tivoli Park which is a wonderful, peaceful place to go hiking. Clean, green and bicycle-friendly, it's easy to imagine why people like living here.

11 Choose the best answers. Choose Skopje, Warsaw, Budapest or Ljubljana.

- 1** Which city is very small?
A Skopje
B Warsaw
C Budapest
D Ljubljana
- 2** Which city has a high half and a low half?
A Skopje
B Warsaw
C Budapest
D Ljubljana
- 3** Which city has two areas with different personalities?
A Skopje
B Warsaw
C Budapest
D Ljubljana
- 4** Which city has changed a lot in the last sixty years?
A Skopje
B Warsaw
C Budapest
D Ljubljana

Score: / 4