Vocabulary

Urban life

1 Match the words with their meanings.

1 afford (v)	a to become larger in size, number, or importance
2 housing (n)	b the number of people not having a job
3 expand (v)	c to have enough money to buy or do something
4 seek (v)	d houses, flats, etc. that people live in
5 unemployment (n)	e to look for something or somebody

2 Complete the sentences using the correct forms of the words in 1.

1. Higher _____ can result in increasing crime rates in big cities.
2. Not many young couples can _____ to buy their own house in big cities.
3. There is a shortage of affordable _____ in big cities.
4. Since they started using farmland for building houses, many towns have _____ into cities.
5. Many people are leaving the countryside in order to _____ better opportunities in big cities.

Grammar

Present perfect (review and extension)

Remember!

- We use the present perfect to describe something that started in the past and is still happening now, or something that was completed in the very recent past.

  Example:

  A lot of young people ***have moved*** *to big cities to work or study.*

- We also use the present perfect to say how many times something has happened with the following structure:

  It/This/That + be + ***the first/the second time*** + Subject + ***have/has (done)*** ...

  Example:

  This is the second time *I* ***have visited*** *this city.*

  It is not the first time *I* ***have heard*** *about urbanisation.*

- We often use the present perfect for a unique experience with the following structure:

  It/This/That/Noun or ***Gerund phrase*** + be + ***the best/the worst/the only/the most beautiful/*** ... + Subject + ***have/has (ever done)*** ...

  Example:

  That is the worst meal *I* ***have ever had*** *in this city.*

  Moving to the city is ***the best*** *decision my parents* ***have ever made*** *in their life.*

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