

Lesson 1: Reading

Matching headings

Vocabulary topic urban and rural life

1. Rapid _____ has led to a strain on public services and housing. **(the process of people moving into cities and cities expanding)**
2. The city continues to expand into the countryside, creating a _____ urban area. **(spreading out over a large area in an untidy or irregular way)**
3. The _____ streets of the capital are filled with energy and constant activity. **(full of noise and activity)**
4. One major consequence of _____ is a shortage of jobs and resources. **(the condition of having too many people in one place)**
5. The tech industry in that city is _____ thanks to high investment and innovation. **(growing very quickly and successfully)**
6. The flood caused _____ damage, leaving thousands homeless. **(extremely serious or destructive)**
7. The country welcomed thousands of _____ seeking better opportunities. **(a person who comes to live permanently in a foreign country)**
8. The cost of living in the city has reached a _____ level in recent years. **(very surprising or difficult to believe)**
9. Every _____ in the neighborhood was invited to the community meeting. **(a person who lives in a particular place)**
10. Families are looking for a _____ place to live that's safe and affordable. **(acceptable, respectable, or proper)**
11. Even _____ services like clean water are still lacking in many rural areas. **(essential and minimal in level or quality)**
12. Traffic _____ has become worse due to the increasing number of cars. **(the state of being too crowded or full, especially with vehicles)**
13. As a _____, he spends two hours a day traveling between home and work. **(a person who travels some distance to work regularly)**
14. Many families are forced to live in _____ due to poverty and lack of housing. **(very poor, crowded, and run-down urban areas)**
15. Parks and libraries are valuable _____ that improve quality of life. **(useful or desirable features or services in a place)**

16. City planners need to consider the needs of all _____, not just wealthy citizens. (**people or animals that live in a particular place**)
17. The government is working to provide _____ housing for all citizens. (**good enough in quality or quantity**)
18. Air pollution is one of the most _____ issues facing major cities today. (**requiring immediate attention or action**)
19. The city needs to invest in its transport _____ to prevent future breakdowns. (**the basic systems and services such as roads, electricity, water, etc.**)
20. Many _____ are struggling to keep up with rapid population growth. (**countries that are in the process of industrial and economic development**)