

- 22 Now listen to the recording and answer Questions 1–10. Make sure you do not write more than the specified number of words and/or numbers in each space.

- 3 Which words in your answers match the following definitions?

(From the Beijing Olympic Stadium Listening)

- 1 long, thick pieces of wood, metal or concrete used in a building
- 2 changing position or place
- 3 the amount of space between two people or things
- 4 different from others of the same type in a way that is surprising, interesting or attractive
- 5 the brightness that shines from the sun, fire or electrical equipment
- 6 people who watch an event, sport, etc.
- 7 a raised area of land, smaller than a mountain
- 8 a large area of trees, growing closely together
- 9 buildings or other things which have been built
- 10 the word we use for the number 1,000,000

Vocabulary

Word choice

- 1 Replace the words in bold in the newspaper article with words which have a similar meaning. You will find these words in the grid.

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J	A	P	A	R	T	M	E	N	T	S
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New residential development fails to impress.

Report by our architecture correspondent

The town council has described Victory Mansions, the new block of flats

(1) in the middle

(2) of the town as

'an important (3)

addition to the town's residential facilities'. Your

correspondent was invited to attend the opening

ceremony, which promised to be a really fun

(4) event.

The ceremony itself was a rather downbeat affair.

Nobody present was impressed by the building, which

didn't look particularly nice (5), with its grey

concrete façade and rather dated look (6).

Unfortunately, the initial impression didn't change when

we were shown the inside. The rooms were not only

small but, thanks to the 'environmentally-friendly sound-

proofing' wood (7) on the walls, rather dark.

The architects had tried to make (8) a garden

place (9) on the roof, but it was so small that

it could probably only comfortably accommodate five or

six residents at any one time.

All in all, a big disappointment. And with prices starting

at £500,000 for a two-room flat, you would have to be

very rich (10) to even consider living there.



Key vocabulary

- 2 Complete this passage with the words and phrases from the box.

affordable construct construction demand
design engineers foundations housing
improve knock down steel tower blocks

A few years ago, to satisfy the increasing 1 *demand* for practical and 2 3 in my city, the local government decided the best solution would be to 4 a lot of the old terraced houses and build 5 in their place. At the same time, they decided to 6 the city by replacing many of the old-fashioned brick office blocks with modern 7 and glass skyscrapers. At great expense, a team of architects and 8 were hired to 9 and 10 a new residential and business estate, and a huge 11 programme began. However, as soon as the 12 had been laid, the government suddenly announced there was no more money, and the programme stopped.

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