

A change for the better?



- 2  Work in pairs. Match headlines 1–3 to photos A–C. Try to work out the meaning of the **bold** words.

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Neighbours take action
on **potholes** in roads

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City fills streets with **statues**
of woman from painting

3 

Young artist makes **sculptures**
from **tree stumps**

STRATEGY Understanding a speaker's purpose

People have different reasons for speaking, for example, to give information or to describe an experience. While you're listening to a speaker, try to identify why they are speaking. This will help you understand what they are saying.

 **2.05** Read the **strategy**. Then listen to a podcast about the neighbourhoods in Ex 1. Choose the correct answer: A, B, C or D.

What is the speaker's purpose?

- ☐ **A** to give advice on how to improve a neighbourhood
- ☐ **B** to describe some changes in her area
- ☐ **C** to give examples of places where people have improved their area
- ☐ **D** to tell a story about how a town has changed

 2.05 Listen again and choose the correct answer: A, B or C.

- 1 Why are there a lot of tree stumps in Rome?
 - ☐ A The trees fell down in a storm.
 - ☐ B The city decided there were too many trees and cut them down.
 - ☐ C The trees were dead, so the city cut them down.
- 2 Why did Andrea Gandini start making sculptures out of tree stumps?
 - ☐ A He wanted to attract attention to his work.
 - ☐ B He wanted people to notice the trees.
 - ☐ C He wanted to improve his technique.
- 3 What was the main thing the people in Toronto were annoyed about?
 - ☐ A The city wasn't doing anything about the potholes.
 - ☐ B They couldn't use the roads in their neighbourhood.
 - ☐ C Their roads were very badly made.
- 4 Why did they plant flowers in the street?
 - ☐ A They wanted to make the neighbourhood more attractive.
 - ☐ B They didn't want to see the potholes anymore.
 - ☐ C They wanted the city to notice the potholes.
- 5 Who are the statues of in Madrid?
 - ☐ A a famous Spanish painter
 - ☐ B a woman working for the royal family
 - ☐ C the King of Spain's favourite daughter
- 6 What was the main effect of the statues?
 - ☐ A They made people visit the city's museums.
 - ☐ B They helped the city look more attractive.
 - ☐ C They taught people  about modern art.