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A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

VOCABULARY

Community

- 1** Complete the crossword, using the clues to help you.

Across

- 1** belonging to or relating to a city
5 seeing or communicating with each other a lot
9 comfortable and informal, not tense
11 fashionable
12 relating to the countryside

Down

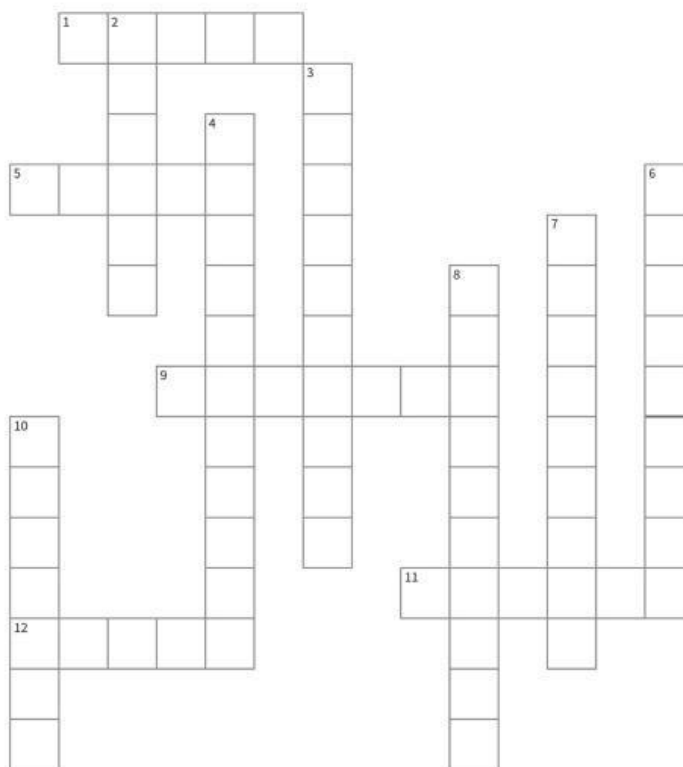
- 2** far away from anywhere
3 cheap enough for most people
4 having only houses and not offices or factories
6 in the central part of the city
7 friendly to visitors
8 connected with industry and factories
10 containing people from many different cultures

- 2** Choose the odd one out in each group of words.

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| 1 inner city | rural | urban |
| 2 industrial | close | welcoming |
| 3 diverse | urban | inner city |
| 4 residential | remote | industrial |
| 5 remote | affordable | rural |
| 6 inner city | relaxed | trendy |

- 3** Complete the sentences with the words in Exercise 1.

- 1** You won't find many offices or factories here. This is a _____ area.
2 I wouldn't like to live in a really _____ place; I like having cafés and shops nearby.
3 London is a very _____ city, where people from all over the world live and work.
4 Everyone looks so young and fashionable here, and the shops are so modern – this part of San Francisco is such a _____ place.
5 The trouble with living in an _____ area is that the factories can be quite noisy and polluting.
6 I'd like to live in the _____ city area, but it's too expensive. I need to find somewhere more _____.
7 This is a very _____ community where the people look out for each other.
8 My aunt and uncle decided to leave the city and _____ life behind, and they found a lovely village in a _____ area, surrounded by forests and mountains.



READING



PREPARE FOR THE EXAM

Reading and Use of English Part 7

- 1** You are going to read four reports by teenagers who have gone on a school trip to a city. For questions 1–10, choose from the four people A–D. The people may be chosen more than once.

Which person

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| 1 was uncomfortable in their accommodation? | _____ |
| 2 regretted a decision they made? | _____ |
| 3 overcame an initial fear? | _____ |
| 4 expected things to be more expensive? | _____ |
| 5 intends to repeat the experience soon? | _____ |
| 6 was surprised by how welcoming people were? | _____ |
| 7 was pleased to make several new friends? | _____ |
| 8 thought the place they stayed in was very trendy? | _____ |
| 9 was impressed by the diverse character of the city? | _____ |
| 10 recommends doing something they did? | _____ |

School city trips

A

I wasn't that keen on going on the London trip with my school. It was a whole weekend away from home, which was something I'd never done before, and I was a bit anxious. But I needn't have worried. We were so busy having fun that I didn't have time to miss anyone! Our school is in quite a remote part of England, and the thing that really **struck me** about London was the huge variety of people there from lots of different cultures. Just walking around the shops, I heard so many different languages spoken. Our hotel was nice enough. The staff made us feel welcome. I shared a room with two friends, and we stayed up rather late chatting, so we were exhausted the next day. One thing I will say is, London isn't cheap! Next time I'll bring more money – but I'm not sure when that will be.



B

The school trip to Lisbon was a fabulous experience. There were about twenty of us, plus four teachers on this week-long visit. Students from the year above and below were among us, and I got pretty close to quite a few people I'd never spoken to much before, so that was a **bonus**. For accommodation, we were split into six groups and we each stayed in the home of a different host family. I thought that might be a bit **awkward**, but the family we stayed with made us feel so at home and put us at ease immediately. I couldn't believe how lovely they were. During the day we met up with the rest of the group and did sightseeing and stuff. The food was amazing, and considering Lisbon is a capital city, surprisingly reasonable. I hope to go back sometime in the future.



C

Vienna wasn't my first choice of city to go on the school trip – but we had a vote, and it was the most popular choice, so I decided to go along anyway. I'm glad I did. The hostel we stayed in was quite unique. The rooms were decorated with graffiti and modern art – very hip and fashionable. The person I shared a room with was a classmate who I got on fine with, which was a relief. I didn't sleep particularly well, however, as it was mid-summer and the air conditioning wasn't working properly. Apart from this disappointment (the accommodation the school booked wasn't exactly **budget** class), we did have a great time. What a wonderful city! It's absolute heaven for a 'culture vulture' like me, with such a variety of art and history to experience. I'm going to convince my parents to book us on a trip there this winter.



D

Although Paris is one of the most beautiful cities in the world, the people have a **reputation** for being a bit unfriendly. So I was a little bit worried about that – but I shouldn't have been, because it didn't matter. There are so many things to do that it is impossible to fit it all in to a long weekend. One day we had the choice of going to see the art in the Louvre, or climbing the Eiffel Tower. I chose the tower, which turned out to be a shame because the weather was poor. Those who went to the Louvre said it was incredible and everyone should go there. Never mind. The next day was better, and I went with a few others on a bicycle tour of the city, which is definitely worth the money if you're ever in Paris with a few hours to spare.



EXAM TIPS

- Read the questions and text quickly to get the general meaning.
- Be careful when you find the same words from a question used in the text – think about the meaning and whether it matches the question.
- If you can't decide between two texts, underline the relevant words in both and return to the question later.

2 Read the questions again and underline the parts of the reports which give you the answers.

3 Match the **highlighted** words in the reports to the meanings.

- 1 the opinion that people have about someone or something because of their behaviour or character in the past
- 2 was obvious from the start
- 3 difficult or causing problems or embarrassment
- 4 very cheap
- 5 another pleasant thing in addition to something you were expecting