

Exercise 1: Match the words with their meanings

Word/Phrase	Meaning
1. Rent	a. Moving from one place to another using an aircraft.
2. Apartment	b. Something that makes daily life more expensive.
3. Neighborhood	c. Coverage that helps pay for medical expenses.
4. Clothes	d. The cost of living in a rented house or flat.
5. Affordable	e. A specific area within a town or city.
6. Expense	f. Items worn by people for fashion or protection.
7. Government	g. A school funded by the government, usually free for students.
8. Travel by plane	h. The organization that manages a country's laws and policies.
9. Public school	i. Not too expensive, reasonably priced.
10. Health insurance	j. A place where people live, often rented or owned.

Exercise 2: Fill in the blanks with the correct words

(Words: Neighborhood, Travel by plane, Clinic, Rent, Government, Tuition, Affordable, Public school, Health insurance, Expense)

1. The _____ in the city center is very expensive compared to suburban areas.
2. Many international students have to pay high _____ fees to study abroad.
3. The _____ sometimes provides financial assistance for education and healthcare.
4. Buying designer _____ can be costly, but there are good affordable options as well.
5. A _____ education can be expensive, but some families prefer it over public schools.
6. Many children attend a _____ because it's free and funded by the state.
7. Traveling internationally can be costly, but some airlines offer _____ fares.
8. Medical _____ is necessary in the U.S. due to high healthcare costs.
9. I had to visit the _____ last week for a health check-up.
10. Some people prefer to _____ instead of buying a house.

<Track 23>Exercise 3: Fill in the gap

1. I could never buy a (1)_____ at home because we pay a very high tax on cars. Only rich people can really afford to buy a car (2)_____. Here in the U.S., I drive a nice new car and I can easily (3)_____ it. You don't have to be rich to own a car, which is great.
2. At home it only costs about \$200 a month to rent a nice (4)_____. That's what I used to pay for a four-room apartment in a good (5)_____. Here in the U.S., I pay about twice that for a much (6)_____ apartment, and it's not in a very nice neighborhood.
3. I bought a lot of clothes in my country (7)_____ I moved to the U.S. because everyone told me how expensive American clothing is. I was kind of (8)_____ that I could get nice clothes here for very reasonable prices. In fact, it costs me less for (9)_____ here than it used to cost me at home.
4. I come from a (10)_____ and not a lot of people travel by plane because it costs more than most people can afford. But the U.S. is such a (11)_____ and the population is large, so you (12)_____ a lot of people traveling by plane. That's what keeps the prices down. That means I can afford to fly here and I do it all the time. I couldn't do that (13)_____.
5. Most people send their (14)_____ to private schools at home because the public (15)_____ are not very good. You have to pay a lot to do that, so it's a big expense for many people. Public schools are better here, and cheaper than in my (16)_____. People don't have to spend a lot on tuition, so most people send their (17)_____ to public schools.
6. Here in the U.S. you need to have health insurance because it costs a lot to see a (18)_____ or to enter a (19)_____. At home, you don't have to pay much to see a (20)_____ or go to a hospital because most of the clinics and hospitals are run by the government.

<Track 23> Exercise 4: Are these statement True(T) or False(F)

1. She doesn't own a car in the U.S.
2. He lived in a nicer neighborhood at home than the one he lives in now.
3. She bought a lot of clothes before she moved to the U.S.
4. She travels by plane a lot in the U.S.
5. Public schools in his country are better than those in the U.S.
6. Hospitals and clinics are expensive in his country.