

5c Sustainable development?

Listening eco-cities

1 1.41 Read the sentences about eco-cities in China. Then listen to the interview with an architect. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 China is a focus for eco-cities because it has so many new cities.
- 2 If you have the support of politicians, building an eco-city is relatively simple.
- 3 Construction workers already have the skills needed to build eco-cities.
- 4 Electric vehicles are favoured in eco-cities.
- 5 An eco-city must import as little energy, food and water from outside as possible.

Glossary

pipe dream (n) /'paɪp dɪ:m/ a fantasy that will never become reality

political will (n) /pə'lɪtrɪk(ə)l wɪ:l/ the support of politicians

skyway (n) /'skweiwə/ a road in the air

UV light (n) /ju:vi: lart/ ultra-violet light



2 1.41 Listen to the interview again and complete the facts.

- 1 Number of Chinese cities of one million-plus inhabitants by 2025: _____
- 2 In an eco-city there can be no _____.
- 3 Chinese saying: 'Anything is _____, but nothing is _____.'
- 4 People who need to coordinate efforts: planners, architects, _____ firms and local _____ interests.
- 5 Another important consideration is the _____ that go into the building.
- 6 The layout should encourage people to _____ to work.
- 7 Transportation must be _____.
- 8 No energy should be _____.
- 9 Rain water is collected and made safe using light.
- 10 Vegetables are grown in large _____.

Word focus **pick**

3 Look at the phrases with the word **pick**. Choose the correct definition.

- 1 There's no shortage of good designs and clever ideas out there – you can **take your pick**.
a relax b choose from many c study them in your own time
- 2 Can I just **pick up on** something we mentioned earlier, which is the question on waste?
a question b highlight c return to
- 3 The other difficulty is **picking your way through** all the bureaucracy and regulations.
a examining b being very careful with c finding a route through

4 Complete the sentences using the appropriate phrase with **pick** from the list below.

take your pick **pick holes in** **pick on**
pick up (x2) **pick your brains**

- 1 I don't know why you always _____ me to do these boring administrative jobs!
- 2 The restaurant has been very quiet, but business will _____ in the spring.
- 3 Can you _____ me from the train station at 5.30?
- 4 I don't mind which desk you sit at – _____
- 5 There are always people who will try to _____ a new eco-solution or idea and tell you why it isn't ecological.
- 6 Can I _____ about a venue for my parents' 25th wedding anniversary?

5 Pronunciation **antepenultimate stress**

a 1.42 Often in words of three or more syllables, the stress falls on the third syllable from the end. Listen to the stress in these words and repeat.

photograph **photographer** **analyse**
analysis **analytical**

b 1.43 Underline the stressed syllable in these words. Then listen, check and repeat.

architect **architectural** **electricity**
energy **generate** **material** **minimise**
political **sustainable** **sustainability**