

CITY PROBLEMS

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pollution public transport traffic jam crowds graffiti rush hour
green spaces rubbish power cut

- 1 dirty air in towns and cities
- 2 buses and trains that people pay to travel on
- 3 a long line of vehicles waiting to move
- 4 large numbers of people in one place
- 5 words or pictures that we see on walls
- 6 the busiest period in a city for traffic
- 7 areas of grass and trees in a city
- 8 things some people don't want and leave on the street
- 9 when an electrical system stops working

3.-

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 The city is full of *pollution* / *rubbish*, so the government is asking people to stop driving their cars for one day.
- 2 I was in a *power cut* / *traffic jam*, so I got home late.
- 3 People leave their *rubbish* / *crowds* on the street and it makes the city look horrible.
- 4 There are lots of *green spaces* / *public transport* in my city where you can relax and have lunch.
- 5 The *graffiti* / *crowds* at the concert last night were really big.
- 6 *Public transport* / *Rush hour* in my town is very good. I always get to work on time.
- 7 Some people think *graffiti* / *green spaces* is not really art.
- 8 We had no electricity for six hours because there was a *rush hour* / *power cut*.
- 9 I leave work early every day, so I miss the *rush hour* / *public transport*.

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Complete the conversations with the words from Exercise 1.

Anna: Have you seen that new 1 _____ on the wall of Central Tower? It's an amazing work of art!

Nathan: Yeah, I don't like it. I think it makes the city look untidy. And if that isn't bad enough, people still don't use bins and leave their 2 _____ on the streets.

Anna: Oh, I love it! But I know what you mean about the city looking untidy. We need more 3 _____ to make it look more beautiful and natural.

Nathan: Yeah, but what can we do about the 4 _____? The air is really dirty!

Anna: I know! There are too many cars on the road – I'm always in a 5 _____ trying to get home.

Nathan: Don't remind me! When I leave work at 5 pm, it's 6 _____, and driving then is the worst!

Anna: I agree, but it's the same when you use 7 _____ – there are 8 _____ of people everywhere waiting for buses and trains. You can't move!

Nathan: It was like that last week. There was a 9 _____ for a few hours – no street lights, no trains or buses. People didn't get home until 10 pm!