2 **Complete the sentences below with words a–n.**

a	backwater	**b**	far	**c**	middle	**d**	easy	**e**	picturesque

My village is:
in the (1) _____ of nowhere.
a real (2) _____.
within (3) _____ reach of the nearest big town/city.
not (4) _____ from a big town/city.
idyllic and the countryside is really (5) _____.

f	congested	**g**	cosmopolitan	**h**	destination

My city/town is:
very (6) _____. You can meet people from all over the world.
a tourist (7) _____.
pretty polluted and (8) _____.

i	spacious	**k**	heart	**m**	outskirts
j	walking	**l**	cramped	**n**	suburbs

My house is:
(9) _____. I wish it was bigger.
big and (10) _____.
in the (11) _____.
on the (12) _____ of a town called Sopron.
right in the (13) _____ of the village.
within (14) _____ distance of the local shop.

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1 **Listen and complete the texts about changes to the speakers' hometowns.**

1 (1) _____, this was a nice place to live. Everyone knew everyone and people looked out for each other. I'm sorry to say that, (2) _____, the population has risen dramatically and this has led to a breakdown in the community ties that used to unite us. Also, second-home owners buy holiday homes here, and that has meant that the price of property has escalated (3) _____, forcing young people to move away from the area.

2 My city is becoming more and more vibrant (1) _____. I love it! (2) _____ really dull, with nothing much for young people to do, (3) _____ bars and clubs have begun opening up. The city's no longer just for the older generations, with theatres and museums – it's got a new lease of life, with a great nightlife and an increasing student population to enjoy it.

3 (1) _____, this town was a hive of activity, with its many factories and its port. (2) _____, however, it's nowhere near as bustling, as manufacturing has moved elsewhere. But I for one don't bewail the changes. There's a certain poignancy and beauty to the disused industrial architecture. And, in fact, many of the old factories (3) _____ into flats, and they're extremely popular with trendy young couples who are now moving into the town.

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