

## 1. Is it important to redesign urban streets and areas? Why yes/not? What are ways of doing it?

little water      outside      tacos      billionaire      banks  
pedestrian-friendly      neighborhood      idealistic vibe

Read the excerpt about a redesigned area in San Antonio, TX. Then type into the gaps missing words and phrases:

*The energetic Pearl District neighborhood has some of the city's best shopping, eating, and biking*



San Antonio's fledgling Pearl District has the \_\_\_\_\_ of a college campus, but with bike-sharing and well-dressed thirtysomethings instead of Ultimate Frisbee and lounging co-eds. Makes sense: The \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ redevelopment project, landscaped with indigenous plants requiring \_\_\_\_\_, spans 16 city blocks and once housed the sprawling Pearl Brewery, which closed in 2001. Since then, \_\_\_\_\_ Christopher Goldsbury has transformed this tree-lined pocket into a hip \_\_\_\_\_ where the Culinary Institute of America and a handful of intimate restaurants sit on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the San Antonio River. This month, the crush of cool kids who aren't flocking to Austin will have yet another place to gather: the Hotel Emma, a steampunk-meets-Golden-Age charmer designed by Roman and Williams. Though you can see the Pearl District from the Emma's rooftop pool, you'll want to get \_\_\_\_\_ on foot—or bike—for the best \_\_\_\_\_ in Texas.

Pearl District: The San Antonio Neighborhood You Need to Visit

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Hotel Emma

The Pearl District

The Culinary Institute of America



## 2. Follow the link and play a quiz on some two-letter abbreviations of American States

In this video 50 Americans describe people from their state in one word

Here are some words from the video but jumbled, type them in correctly:

Washington: hights \_\_\_\_\_

Connecticut: edentil \_\_\_\_\_

Indiana: oreisho \_\_\_\_\_

"Whatever its origin, the name of Hoosier has had a lasting appeal for Indiana people and has acquired a quite enviable aura. For more than 100 years, it has continued to mean friendliness, neighborliness, an idyllic contentment with Indiana landscape and life." *Walter Hovinghurst, The Heartland (1962)*

Michigan: vsatileer \_\_\_\_\_

Idaho: osyutordo \_\_\_\_\_

Ohio/Kansas/ Pennsylvania/ South Dakota: hlebum \_\_\_\_\_

Missouri: ferighst \_\_\_\_\_

New York: spycrap \_\_\_\_\_

Rhode Island: oxym \_\_\_\_\_

Vermont: bustborn \_\_\_\_\_

Oregon/Minnesota: sipaves agvegessir \_\_\_\_\_

Tennessee: aptictrio \_\_\_\_\_

**Did you find any of the words surprising? Why?**

**This part of the lesson is based on the TED-talk by Janette Sadik-Khan  
“New York’s Street? Not so mean any more” (2013)**



*Janette Sadik-Khan served as Commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation (NYC DOT) from 2007 to 2013, where she implemented an ambitious program to improve safety, mobility and sustainability, and ensure a state of good repair on the city's roads, bridges and ferries. At Bloomberg Associates, she works with mayors around the world to reimagine and redesign their cities with innovative projects that can be developed quickly and inexpensively.*

What are the most important facilities in a big cities?

Is it possible to change or redesign streets? Could it be easy to do?

**1. Listen to the first clip \_\_\_\_\_ and answer the questions:**

1. What is the work of Transportation Commissioner about?
2. Why does Janette Sadik-Khan say that we live in an urban age?
3. What is a key issue of our future?

Times Square in the 60s



**2.**

## Listen to clip 2 \_\_\_\_\_ and finish the sentences and phrases:

We set out a clear action plan with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Having goals is important, because if you want to change and steer the ship of a big city in a new direction, you need to know \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

The design of a street can tell you everything about what's \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.

In this case, it's expected that you \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.

The design of this street is really to maximize the movement of cars moving \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ from point A to point B,

and it misses all the other ways that a \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.

**3.**

**Listen to clip 3 \_\_\_\_\_ What problem did the survey reveal? Find the most matching picture among those below and type its number in \_\_\_\_\_**

**4.**

**Listen to the clip 4 \_\_\_\_\_.**

Why were temporary materials so important in this project? What were results of the “pilot”?

**Listen again and fill the gaps with numbers:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ thousand people a day walk through Times Square, and people had tried for years to make changes.
- And so we did a \_\_\_\_\_ -month pilot.
- We closed Broadway from \_\_\_\_\_ nd Street to \_\_\_\_\_ th Street and created \_\_\_\_\_ and a half acres of new pedestrian space.
- \_\_\_\_\_ new flagship stores opened.
- It doesn't need to be a \_\_\_\_\_ -sum game between moving traffic and creating public space.

**5.**

**Listen to clip 5 \_\_\_\_\_ and pick the matching picture \_\_\_\_\_. What were the two most surprising things about the project?**



**1.**



**2.**



3.

6.

**Listen to clip 6 \_\_\_\_\_, pick the picture \_\_\_\_\_ and match the noun phrases:**

a level

pavers

sidewalk to

new energy

beautiful

the ribbon

a great

crossroads of the world

a new

surface

cutting

sidewalk

**Let's have a glimpse at Times Square right now:**