4 Choose one of the cities below. Use the ideas provided or your own to make a similar conversation.

TOKYO in 2050

- Current facts: good infrastructure; overcrowded trains; ageing population
- Future plans: promote advanced technology to make greener cars, faster trains, and more convenient facilities for old people; use robots to do housework
- Aim: to make Tokyo the most liveable city



NEW YORK CITY in 2050

- Current facts: crowded public transport; piles of smelly rubbish; ageing electricity network
- Future plans: promote self-driving electric taxis; use city's building roofs for gardens fertilised with compost; build plants to turn waste into energy; build offshore wind farms
- Aim: to make New York City an eco city



5 Work with a partner. Make predictions about a future city in Viet Nam. Take notes.

LISTENING

A better or worse place to live in?

1 Discuss with a partner.

- Which of the problems shown in the pictures currently exist in big cities in Viet Nam?
- Do you think they will be solved in the next twenty years?



a. traffic jam

b. untreated waste

c. air pollution

d. slums

e. fresh water shortages

f. water pollution

2 Listen to a talk on predictions about our future cities. Underline the words or phrases that you hear.

a. pessimistic
b. optimistic
c. climate change
d. global warming
e. overcrowded
f. overpopulation
g. capable
h. available

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3 **Listen again. Decide which of the following predictions will come true (T) and which will not (NT), according to the two kinds of viewpoints. Tick the correct box.**

	T	NT
According to the pessimistic viewpoint:		
1. Pollution will continue to be a serious problem in the city.		
2. Global warming will slow down because of governments' efforts.		
3. A lot of people will leave the city to work in the countryside.		
4. Cities will be overpopulated and traffic will be heavy.		
According to the optimistic viewpoint:		
5. City dwellers will enjoy better health care and medical treatment.		
6. Renewable energy sources will replace non-renewable ones.		
7. People in the city will be able to use renewable energy free of charge.		

4 **Listen again and complete the summaries of the two viewpoints.**

1. According to the pessimistic viewpoint, our future cities will not be safe and _____ places to live in. Governments have no _____ ways to control pollution, which will continue to be a serious problem in the future. Moreover, cities will become _____, which means there will be more waste and _____ traffic.
2. According to the optimistic viewpoint, city dwellers will have a better life thanks to advances in technology and _____. Furthermore, the environmental problems will be solved. _____ energy sources will gradually replace _____ fuels in the next twenty years.

5 **Which viewpoint do you agree with, the optimistic or pessimistic? Provide your reasons.**



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