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2.21 Fill in each blank with a word from exercise A. Use each word only once. Then listen and check your answers. Practice the conversation with a partner. Switch roles and practice it again.

Vacation Homes: Owning a Piece of Paradise¹

Q: Why is Baja California such a popular

_____ for vacations?
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A: It has coasts on the Pacific Ocean and the Sea of Cortez, so _____ can enjoy sea life such as dolphins, whales, and unusual fish. The mountains and _____ are also excellent for hiking and sightseeing.
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Q: Can anyone own a home in Baja California?

A: Yes. You don't have to be a Mexican citizen to own _____ here. Many vacation homes _____ people from other countries, _____ Canada and the United States.
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Q: Are there a lot of new vacation homes for sale?

A: Yes. Most of Baja California's _____ lives in the north, in cities such as Tijuana and Mexicali. Recently, though, there has been _____ growth in the south, especially near Cabo San Lucas and La Paz. They want to _____ a lot of new houses and hotels quickly in those places.
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Q: Is everyone happy about the housing growth?

A: No. Some people worry about _____ to the environment as more and more people move in. Baja California is also very dry, so having enough drinking water for everyone is another concern.
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¹paradise (n): a perfect place