

Extract from Student's Book recording  2.5

Part 1

Welcome to the Lifestyle Programme. Let's start with the shocking results ^{of} a recent survey: 35 percent British people do not know any their neighbours. Well, it's not a problem for residents Springhill co-housing project in the southwest England. Springhill is a new housing development thirty-five homes in a typical residential area.

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| 1 | <u>of</u> a recent survey | 3 | _____ |
| 2 | _____ | 4 | _____ |
| | _____ | 5 | _____ |

3 Complete Part 2 of the extract with the adjectives in Exercise 2.

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Part 2

Residents have their own self-contained flats or houses and gardens but share a common house for communal meals. The co-housing idea comes from Denmark where it is ¹_____ and according to the ²_____ government housing figures, tens of thousands of Danish people live in this way. There is growing interest around the world in the model as a provider of ³_____, sustainable social housing. Building materials are natural or recycled. Springhill is not only ⁴_____ in building terms, but in human terms too, encouraging the ⁵_____ social contact that we know is key to health and happiness. We're sure there'll be a 100 percent improvement in ⁶_____ relations at Springhill.

1 Complete the text with townscape and landscape features in the box.

breathtaking view bridge canal
fast-flowing river historic monument
~~housing estate~~ market square shopping centre
slum waterfront restaurant

My Everyday Blog

I just had to write today about the latest urban development plans. Have you read them? They want to knock down some 200-year-old houses and use the land to build ... yes, you guessed! A housing estate with 100 modern homes. I know there's a shortage of housing in our town, but it's not as if they're getting rid of a ¹ _____ with houses in a terrible condition – these are beautiful old buildings! And what about the old school? Surely that's a ² _____? It should be turned into a museum, not destroyed!

Luckily, it's not all bad news. At the moment, the river is a real mess, but the council are finally going to clean it up. After they've removed all the rubbish, it will be a ³ _____ again, not a slow, dirty one. They're going to build a new pedestrian ⁴ _____ over the water so people can cross the river easily and a ⁵ _____ that will serve international food and be family-friendly. They're also building a new ⁶ _____ with over fifty shops, mostly for clothes.

So what do you think? Comment below!

These new houses will spoil the area completely. There's a ⁷ _____ from the top of the hill looking down over the town at the moment, which people come from all over to see ... but soon it'll just be rows of houses. I think they should build the development on the other side of town.

I've heard they want to build a ⁸ _____ so boats can go right through the town centre. Is that true? I hope not! We don't live in Venice!

The shopping centre is a terrible idea. Now everyone goes to the shops round the old ⁹ _____, and we have a busy town centre. If people start to shop by the river instead, many places in the centre may end up closing, which would be a disaster!

Complete each pair of sentences with the correct words A–C.

- 1 That book up there on the shelf is just out of my _____. Could you pass it to me?
School's not far away, it's within easy _____.
A access B distance C reach
- 2 The nightlife is great, but it creates a lot of noise _____.
_____ is a serious environmental problem in big cities.
A parking B pollution C contamination
- 3 There's a _____ atmosphere in the town centre.
All the fishing boats on the island are painted _____ colours.
A vibrant B bustling C picturesque
- 4 I use the train for my _____ commute to work.
It's a _____ newspaper, so there's a new edition every morning.
A short B regular C daily
- 5 There's a children's play area in our local _____ that we often go to.
Let's leave the car in the new underground car _____ while we have lunch.
A zone B parking C park

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Find and correct the mistakes in the sentences.

- There's a relying bus network in our town. reliable
- 1 Would you rather live in a busy city centre or on the suburbs where it's quieter? _____
 - 2 The centre of Amsterdam is great for cyclists because there are plenty of cycling lanes.

 - 3 We visited a lovely market town at the border of England and Wales. _____
 - 4 Although I haven't lived there for a long time, Dundee is my house town – I was born there and often go back to visit family. _____
 - 5 Our town attracts a lot of tourists – it's full of quaint backstreets and historical monuments.

6 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

domestic household housing multi-storey
residential self-contained second tower

The views of the city from our flat are fantastic because we're up on the tenth floor. I never thought I'd enjoy living in a tower block, but I do.

- 1 I think _____ car parks are a great way of providing room for more vehicles in a small space.
- 2 The traffic will get worse when they finish building the new _____ development of 50 homes.
- 3 We used to live in the city centre, but we moved out to a quiet _____ area on the city outskirts when we had children.
- 4 When Sue and Pete retire, their dream is to buy a _____ home in Spain and spend every winter there.
- 5 I think the washing machine is the best _____ appliance ever. It saves so much time!
- 6 Having lived in a house with two other people and got fed up with sharing the kitchen and bathroom, Jack's now looking for a _____ flat.
- 7 Who's responsible for doing the _____ chores, like washing up and cleaning, in your household?