

Names: _____

Last names: _____

2 Caught in the rush

1

Choose the correct compound noun for each picture.

- bicycle lane
- newsstand
- taxi stand
- bus stop
- streetlights
- traffic jam



1. streetlights _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____

2

Problems, problems



A Choose a solution for each problem.

Problems

1. no more parking spaces: build a public parking garage
2. dark streets: _____
3. no places to take children: _____
4. crime: _____
5. car accidents: _____
6. traffic jams: _____

Solutions

- install modern streetlights
- build a subway system
- install more traffic lights
- hire more police officers
- build more parks
- build a public parking garage



B Look at these solutions. Write sentences explaining the problems.

Use *too much, too many, or not enough* and the problems in part A.

1. There aren't enough parking spaces.

The city should build a public parking garage.

2. _____

The city should install more traffic lights.

3. _____

The city should build a subway system.

4. _____

The city should hire more police officers.

5. _____

The city should build more parks.

6. _____

The city should install modern streetlights.

C Find another way to say the problems in part B. Begin each sentence with *There should be more/less/fewer....*

1. There should be more parking spaces.

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____



3

City blues

A Match the words in columns A and B. Write the compound nouns.

A	B	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> air	<input type="checkbox"/> district	1. <u>air pollution</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> business	<input type="checkbox"/> garages	2. _____
<input type="checkbox"/> commuter	<input type="checkbox"/> hour	3. _____
<input type="checkbox"/> parking	<input type="checkbox"/> lines	4. _____
<input type="checkbox"/> police	<input type="checkbox"/> officers	5. _____
<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pollution	6. _____
<input type="checkbox"/> rush	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	7. _____



B Complete this online post using the compound nouns in part A.

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City Forum

Life in this city needs to be improved. For one thing, there are too many cars, and there is too much bad air, especially during rush hour. The air pollution is terrible. This problem is particularly bad downtown in the city center. Too many people drive their cars to work.

I think there should be more traffic lights at busy intersections. They could stop traffic jams. We also need fewer parking spaces downtown. The city spends too much money building them. It's so easy to park that too many people drive to work. However, the city doesn't spend enough money on public transport. There aren't enough bus stops to the suburbs.

C Write two paragraphs about a problem in a city you know. First describe the problem and then suggest solutions.





A Read about transportation in Hong Kong. Match the photos to the descriptions in the article.



cable railway



ferry



subway



tram

Getting Around Hong Kong



Hong Kong has an excellent transportation system. If you fly there, you will arrive at one of the most modern airports in the world. And during your visit, there are many ways to get around Hong Kong.



1

These have run in the streets of Hong Kong Island since 1904. They have two decks, and they carry 230,000 passengers a day. You can travel on six routes, totaling 30 kilometers (about 19 miles). You can also hire one for a private party with up to 25 guests – a great way to enjoy Hong Kong!

2

Take one of these to cross from Hong Kong Island to Kowloon or to visit one of the other islands. You can also use them to travel to Macau and Guangdong. They are very safe and comfortable, and one of the cheapest boat rides in the world.

3

Hong Kong's underground railway is called the MTR – the Mass Transit Railway. It is the fastest way to get around. You can catch one from the airport to all the major centers in Hong Kong. The MTR carries 2.3 million passengers a day.

4

This is found on Hong Kong Island. It pulls you up Victoria Peak, which is 552 meters (about 1,800 feet) above sea level, the highest mountain on the island. The system is over 120 years old. In that time, there has never been an accident. Two cars carry up to 120 passengers each.

B Complete the chart about each type of transportation. Where you cannot find the information, write *NG* (not given).

	cable railway	ferry	subway	tram
1. How old is it?	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. How many people use it?	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. How safe is it?	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. Where can you go?	_____	_____	_____	_____

