UNIT 24

Global Issues

Getting Ready

CD 3-37 Listening 1

People are talking about issues. Which issue do they think is most important right now? Listen and circle the correct answer.

1. a. water pollution
   b. air pollution
2. a. unemployment
   b. crime
3. a. public transportation
   b. housing
4. a. government
   b. unemployment
5. a. public transportation
   b. unemployment
6. a. education
   b. health

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Listening 2

CD 3-38 ▶ **Task 1**

What issues are these people talking about? Listen and circle the correct answer.

1. a. air pollution
   b. water pollution
   c. overpopulation
2. a. global warming
   b. water pollution
   c. unemployment
3. a. poverty
   b. overpopulation
   c. war
4. a. crime
   b. traffic
   c. air pollution
5. a. air pollution
   b. garbage
   c. unemployment
6. a. housing
   b. poverty
   c. crime

CD 3-38 ▶ **Task 2**

Listen again. Are these statements true or false? Check (✓) the correct answer.

	True	False
1. He wants to be the mayor of his city.	☐	☑
2. She's going to move to Chicago.	☐	☐
3. He reads a lot of sports magazines.	☐	☐
4. She bought a new car.	☐	☐
5. She buys less packaged food, like frozen dinners.	☐	☐
6. He moved to a small apartment downtown.	☐	☐

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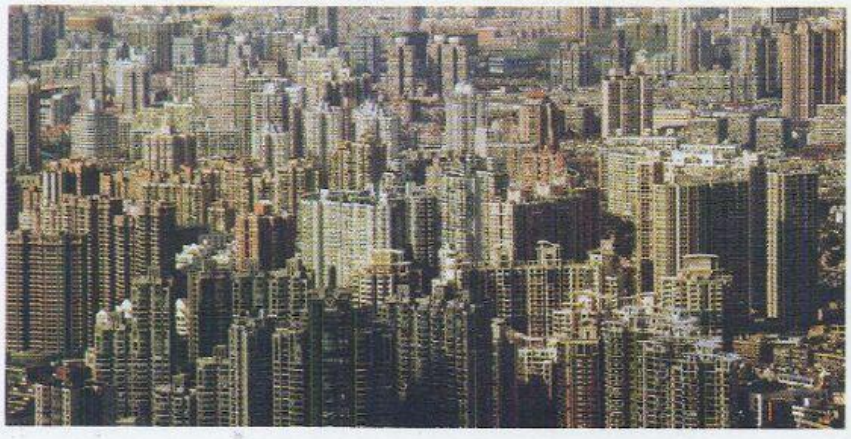
Listening 3

CD 3-39 ▶ **Task 1**

Listen to a talk on very large cities, or "megacities." Why do people move from the country to megacities? Listen and check (✓) the reasons you hear.



	Reason	Not a reason
1. They want to find work.	☑	☐
2. They want to be farmers.	☐	☐
3. They think salaries will be higher.	☐	☐
4. They think the work will be easier.	☐	☐
5. They think the people will be friendly.	☐	☐
6. They think city life will be glamorous.	☐	☐
7. They want to be on television.	☐	☐
8. They want better health care.	☐	☐

CD 3-39 ▶ **Task 2**

Listen again. Are these statements true or false? Check (✓) the correct answer.

	True	False
1. Jobs are often difficult to find in megacities.	☑	☐
2. Salaries in megacities are very low.	☐	☐
3. Many people end up in huge, expensive houses.	☐	☐
4. Health care is much cheaper in megacities.	☐	☐
5. Air pollution is a problem in megacities.	☐	☐
6. The problems in megacities are becoming easier.	☐	☐

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Dictation

CD 3-41 ▶ Task 1

Listen to the conversation. Write the missing words.

A: There are _____ _____ _____ in the world today.

B: I know. There's water pollution, air pollution, global warming, unemployment.

A: Yeah, and there's the destruction of the rain _____, _____ _____, housing shortages. It can get depressing if you think about it too much.

B: No kidding. What do you think the biggest issues are?

A: I really think air pollution is the most important issue. If we don't _____ _____ and improve air quality, we'll all have health problems.

B: I agree that air pollution is a _____ _____. The air in the city has become so dirty.

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