

Stop and Check: Units 5–8

Under each paragraph, write the words from the appropriate unit that correspond with the numbered phrases in bold.

Politics

People differ in their political views. They have different **1ways of viewing the world in terms of politics**. In democracies, people are given the opportunity to **2choose their governments** at regular intervals. **3Groups of people with similar political ideas who want to form a government** compete with other such groups to get the largest number of votes to determine who will govern the country. Some parties have views that are **4very different from what is considered to be usual**, while others **5believe in keeping things the way they have always been and maintaining traditions**. Between elections, people are often able **6to vote on specific issues that concern them**. Not all systems of government are democratic, however, and some countries have **7governments which have almost total control over their populations and in which free speech is severely restricted**. Sometimes, such **8governments are overthrown, often by the armed forces**. Although many people believe that democracies are the ideal form of government, they do not appear to work in all countries, especially in those countries that do not have a democratic tradition.

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Travel and Transport

Travelling by plane can be quite stressful. When you get to **1the airport building where you catch your flight**, you have to **2confirm that you will be on the flight**. This can also be done on the internet. You then have to **3show your passport to officials who will check it before you can leave the country**. When people arrive at their final stop, they have to go through immigration again before they can pick up their luggage. On short-haul flights, people might only have **4luggage that they have taken on the plane with them**. A **5long flight between different continents** can be very tiring, and people often arrive suffering from **6a condition which makes them very tired, partly due to the time difference between the country they left and the country they arrived in**. This condition can last for a few days. Travellers often get a **7taxi** from the airport to a hotel as it saves time, and they can get to their accommodation faster and get much-needed sleep. They can then take advantage of the hotel's **8amenities**, such as the swimming pool, gym and restaurant. This can help alleviate many of the stresses associated with travelling.

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Media

The media is a source of both entertainment and education. In most countries **1journalists can write what they want**. In some countries, however, there are **2restrictions on what people can say or write about**. The **3owner of a newspaper**

can also influence what and how news is reported. People read or watch news programmes so that they can keep up to date with **4what is happening around the world at the present time**. People read newspapers, watch television and surf the internet not only to be informed, but also to be entertained. They enjoy watching **5drama series based on the lives of ordinary people** as well as **6factual films that impart knowledge**. It is also possible to watch sporting events **7as they are happening**, although sometimes you **8have to pay extra money to watch specific matches or events**.

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Architecture

People live in different types of buildings, ranging from **1large houses in their own grounds** to **2small apartments containing just one main room**. Some buildings have **3only one or two stories**, while others are **4many stories high**. New York is famous for having a large number of **5very high buildings**, such as the Empire State Building. Some people dream of buying a **6small house in the countryside with lots of character**, while others simply want to get out of the **7poor, run-down area** in which they are living. Wherever we decide to live, it is important that buildings are **8designed in a good way** and are not eyesores. Unfortunately, many cities are losing their character because many modern buildings look the same, and old traditional buildings are being demolished to make way for them.

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