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Life in the city

1 Choose the correct compound noun for each picture.

- bicycle lane subway station 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"/> green	<input type="checkbox"/> hour	3. _____
<input type="checkbox"/> parking	<input type="checkbox"/> spaces	4. _____
<input type="checkbox"/> bicycle	<input type="checkbox"/> lanes	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.

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 _____ is terrible. This problem is particularly bad downtown in the _____. Too many people drive their cars to work. Also, the city doesn't spend enough money on _____. There should be more buses and subway trains so people don't have to drive.

We also need fewer _____ downtown. It's so easy to park that too many people drive to work. Instead, the city should create more parks and _____ so people can relax and get some fresh air when they're downtown. There should also be more _____ so people can ride to work and get some exercise.

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