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Life in the city

1 Choose the correct compound noun for each picture.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> bicycle lane | <input type="checkbox"/> subway station | <input type="checkbox"/> taxi stand |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bus stop | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> streetlights | <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

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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.
