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CAR-FREE ZONES

Many people in cities have cars, so pollution is often a problem. Nowadays, some downtown areas of cities around the world don't allow cars. These car-free zones are areas for people, bicycles, and public transportation only.

LONDON

Eight million people live in the center of London, and another two million people go to work there every day. The city center is very noisy with hundreds of cars, buses, and taxis, but there are also a lot of beautiful parks with free music concerts. At lunchtime and after work, many people go there for a break.

TOKYO

In the Ginza area of Tokyo, there are no cars on weekends. This modern car-free zone is very popular. People like shopping there, so it's always crowded.

BOGOTÁ

In the past, Bogotá was polluted because there was lots of traffic. Now the downtown area is a car-free zone and the air is clean! Many people don't have a car, and half a million people go to work by bus every morning.

MELBOURNE

In some cities, people don't like shopping downtown. But in Melbourne, Bourke Street Mall is popular because there are lots of great shops and no cars. It's expensive, but lots of people eat lunch at the small cafés.



Reading

1 Read the article and complete the chart.

City	Which area is car-free?	Why do people go there?
London	<i>the parks</i>	<i>for a break</i>
Tokyo		
Bogotá		
Melbourne		

Vocabulary describing cities

2 Underline all the adjectives in the article.

Which adjective means:

- 1 doesn't cost money? _____
- 2 many people like it? _____
- 3 has lots of people? _____
- 4 has bad air? _____
- 5 very good? _____

Which adjective is the opposite of:

- 6 quiet? _____
- 7 ugly? _____
- 8 old? _____
- 9 dirty? _____
- 10 cheap? _____
- 11 big? _____