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LEVEL 3. LISTENING

Use the words in the boxes to complete the sentences.

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| provide | access | secure | basic necessities | poverty |
| confident | freedom | financial | socialize | standard of living |

Life in Oman was very difficult before 1970. Many people did not have 1. _____ like good clothing or houses. Most people lived in tiny mudbrick houses then. There was a lot of 2. _____ because people didn't have enough money to buy essential things. Most villagers did not have 3. _____ to clean drinking water or schools. People did not have 4. _____ to travel to other places and foreign countries. Life was not 5. _____ because there were fights between different tribes. Things began to change when Sultan Qaboos became the Sultan of Oman. He tried his level best to improve the 6. _____ of Omanis by building new roads, hospitals and schools. He also tried to 7. _____ more jobs to all people in government services like the army and the police. The export of oil brought money to the country and improved the 8. _____ situation. He established many parks and gardens for people to relax and 9. _____ in their free time. . Today Oman is a fast developing country and the people here are 10. _____ about their prosperous future.

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