

For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Example:

0 A appear      B grow      C spring      D rise

0	A	B	C	D
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## 'Living' walls reduce pollution in cities

Buildings covered in greenery are starting to (0) ..... in cities around the world. These living walls are the outside surfaces of buildings, bursting all over with vegetation. They certainly look pretty, but there's a far more interesting (1) ..... for their existence.

According to biogeochemists, the green walls – which are covered with pre-planted panels – offer several (2) ..... besides disguising an ugly façade. They have been (3) ..... to cool the building down, reduce noise, and make the block more energy (4) .....

But what's really exciting is that green walls could potentially reduce air pollution in the 'corridors' between tall buildings on a street. As the wind (5) ..... through these man-made canyons, carrying with it traffic fumes and other environmental pollutants, the green walls appear to (6) ..... large amounts of the most (7) ..... chemicals in the air. This could be the perfect (8) ..... to the difficulty of improving air quality in some of the planet's most polluted cities.

1 A idea	B reason	C excuse	D argument
2 A profits	B values	C benefits	D positives
3 A demonstrated	B convinced	C accepted	D proved
4 A efficient	B practical	C economical	D appropriate
5 A runs	B travels	C rolls	D flies
6 A soak	B breathe	C take	D absorb
7 A painful	B hurtful	C harmful	D unhelpful
8 A solution	B action	C result	D reaction