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NO–CAR ZONES

Many people in cities have cars. But pollution is often a problem because of the traffic. Nowadays some city centres around the world don't have cars. These no-car zones are areas for people, bicycles and public transport only.

LONDON

Eight million people live in the centre of London and another two million people go to work there every day. The city centre 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

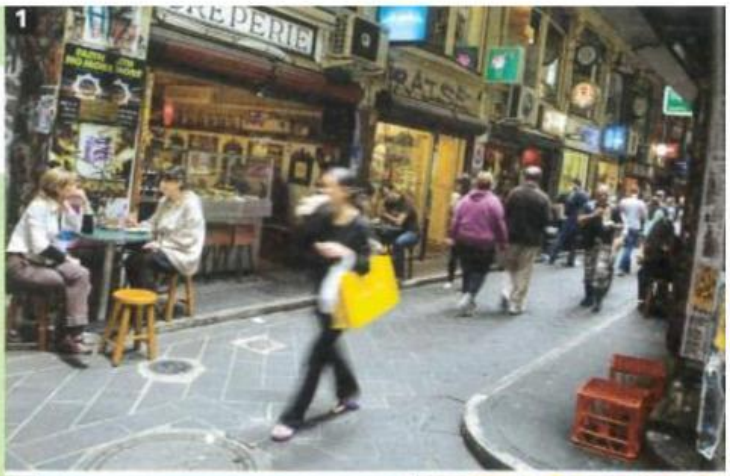
In the Ginza area of Tokyo there are no cars. This modern no-car zone is very popular and people like shopping there, so it's always crowded with hundreds of people.

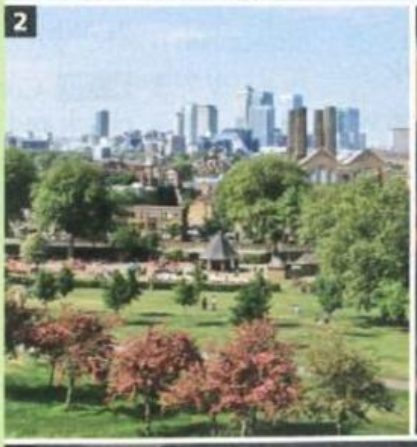
BOGOTÁ

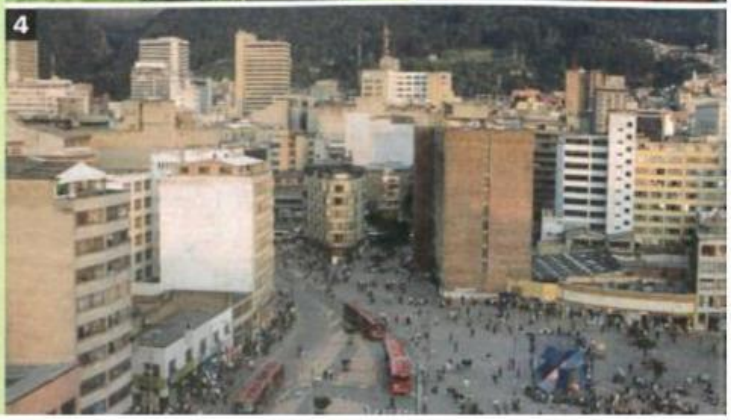
In the past, Bogotá was polluted because there was lots of traffic. Now the city centre is a no-car zone and the air is clean! Many people don't have a car and half a million people go to work by bus every morning.

MELBOURNE

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







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Reading

1 Read the article and match the cities with the photos (1–4).

2 Read the article again and complete the table.

City	Where aren't there any cars?	Why do people go there?
London	*the parks*	1 _____ *for a break*
Tokyo	2 _____	3 _____
Bogotá	4 _____	5 _____
Melbourne	6 _____	7 _____ 8 _____

Vocabulary describing cities

3 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? _____

4 Work in pairs. Talk about your city or a city you know. Which places in the city are:

1 free or cheap?
2 small and crowded?
3 polluted and noisy?
4 modern and popular?
5 beautiful and relaxing?

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