

**XII** Now work in pairs. Among the above means of transport, which is your most favorite one? Tell your partner.

You should base on the suggestions below:

- What is your favorite means of transport?
- How often do you use it?
- Why do like it?
- What are the advantages of using it?
- What are the disadvantages of using it?

## E. LISTENING



**XIII** Work in pairs. Match the phrases below about traffic with their definition.

1. congestion	A. queues of vehicles block an entire network of intersecting streets, bringing traffic in all directions to a complete standstill
2. traffic report	B. having almost no space between cars and moving very slowly
3. snarl up	C. strong, unpleasant, and sometimes dangerous gas or smoke from running vehicles.
4. gridlocks	D. a condition on transport networks that occurs as use increases, resulting in slower speeds, longer trip times.
5. bumper-to-bumper	E. giving information about road conditions such as traffic jam, and traffic accidents.
6. exhaust fumes	F. a long line of traffic that is unable to travel forward

**XIV** 1. Now listen to a man talking about traffic. Decide if the statements below are true (T) or false (F).



1. The traffic has stopped getting worse. ....
2. Driving in the countryside can be a nightmare. ....
3. In cities, there is traffic jam even at midnight. ....
4. Fewer people travelling by train or bus will better the traffic. ....
5. A lot of traffic makes pollution. ....

**2. Listen again and fill in the gaps with the missing words.**

- I don't know where all this traffic came from. You turn on the (1) ..... and the (2) ..... is all about congestion here, snarl-ups and gridlocks there. The answer must be to get better (3) .....

- The roads are too (4) ..... And then there's the pollution. It's disgusting outside sometimes. You feel like you're breathing pure (5) ..... We need to get rid of these traffic jams so we can move and breathe more easily.



## **F. WRITING**

**XV** Reorder the following words to make meaningful sentences.

1. it/ travel/ is/ rush/ because/ in/ so/ on/ to/ traffic/ road/ tiring/ hours/ jams/ of.

<sup>10</sup> See, for example, the discussion of the 1990s in the section on the 'Economic Crisis' in this volume.

2. it/ hour/ to/ took/ office/ yesterday/ more/ my/ than/ mother/ an/ to/ go/ her.

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3. from/ Hochiminh city/ travelling/ not/ time-consuming/ to/ by/ Hanoi/ airplane/ is.

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4. The/ more/ months/ project/ team/ than/ three/ completing/ spent/ this.

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5. buy/ 50.000VND/ it/ visitor/ often/ entrance/ ticket/ costs/ a/ only/ to/ an.

**XVI** Write a paragraph (80-100 words) to describe the traffic near where you live.

***You should base on the suggestions below:***

- How is the traffic there?
- Are there often traffic jams?
- Why is it so?
- What do you think should be done to better the traffic there?

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