

almost 90 per cent of the population living in urban areas. The two largest cities of Australia, Sydney and Melbourne, are home to over 40 per cent of the country's population.



	Urbanisation in Malaysia	Urbanisation in Australia
Started	In the early 1970s	(1) _____
Urban population when urbanisation started	(2) _____	over 60 per cent
Urban population growth	Rapid growth	(3) _____
At present	(4) _____	One of the most urbanised countries in the world
Current urban population	Over 77 per cent	(5) _____

VIII LOOKING BACK

Pronunciation

130 Listen and underline the unstressed words in the following sentences. Then practise saying the sentences in pairs.

- There are more than fifty new skyscrapers in the city.
- People can get around easily by the new metro instead of getting stuck in traffic jams.
- Many young people go to big cities looking for better job opportunities and higher salaries.
- There have been a lot of changes in my home town, and most of them have been welcomed by residents.

Vocabulary

Complete the text, using the correct forms of the words in the box.

housing afford
unemployment expand seek

Urbanisation brings a lot of changes. First, people living in rural areas move to cities to (1) _____ better jobs and improve their lives. As a result, urban areas are (2) _____. Second, more high-rise buildings are built to provide (3) _____ for the increasing number of urban residents. However, it is too expensive, so many people cannot (4) _____ to buy their own house. In addition, many people find it hard to find jobs in overcrowded cities, so (5) _____ rates there are rising.

Grammar

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EXAM
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Choose the correct answer A, B, C, or D.

1. This is the best experience I _____ in this city.
A. have had B. have C. had D. will have
2. That is the second house they _____ this year.
A. buy B. have bought C. bought D. had bought
3. The more we use private vehicles, _____ polluted the air becomes.
A. less and less B. the less C. the more D. more and more
4. Life in rural areas is becoming _____ difficult for farmers because of falling prices of vegetables and agricultural products.
A. less and less B. fewer and fewer C. more and less D. more and more

PROJECT

AN URBAN AREA

Work in groups. Do some research on a newly-created urban area in Viet Nam. Present your findings to the class.

Use these questions as cues for your presentation:

- Where is the place?
- What was it like in the past?
- How has it changed since urbanisation started?
- What are the positive and negative effects of urbanisation?

