

Vocabulary

Urban life

1 Match the words with their meanings.

1 afford (v)	(a) to become larger in size, number, or importance
2 housing (n)	(b) the number of people not having a job
3 expand (v)	(c) to have enough money to buy or do something
4 seek (v)	(d) houses, flats, etc. that people live in
5 unemployment (n)	(e) to look for something or somebody

2 Complete the sentences using the correct forms of the words in 1.

1. Higher _____ can result in increasing crime rates in big cities.
2. Not many young couples can _____ to buy their own house in big cities.
3. There is a shortage of affordable _____ in big cities.
4. Since they started using farmland for building houses, many towns have _____ into cities.
5. Many people are leaving the countryside in order to _____ better opportunities in big cities.

Grammar

Present perfect (review and extension)

Remember!

- We use the present perfect to describe something that started in the past and is still happening now, or something that was completed in the very recent past.

Example:

*A lot of young people **have moved** to big cities to work or study.*

- We also use the present perfect to say how many times something has happened with the following structure:

*It/This/That + be + **the first/the second time** + Subject + **have/has (done)** ...*

Example:

This is the second time I have visited this city.

It is not the first time I have heard about urbanisation.

- We often use the present perfect for a unique experience with the following structure:

*It/This/That/Noun or Gerund phrase + be + **the best/the worst/the only/the most beautiful/... + Subject + **have/has (ever done)** ...***

Example:

That is the worst meal I have ever had in this city.

Moving to the city is the best decision my parents have ever made in their life.