

② Now listen to the recording and answer Questions 1–10. Make sure you do not write more than the specified number of words and/or numbers in each space.

③ Which words in your answers match the following definitions?  
(From the Beijing Olympic Stadium Listening)

- 1 long, thick pieces of wood, metal or concrete used in a building .....
- 2 changing position or place .....
- 3 the amount of space between two people or things .....
- 4 different from others of the same type in a way that is surprising, interesting or attractive .....
- 5 the brightness that shines from the sun, fire or electrical equipment .....
- 6 people who watch an event, sport, etc. .....
- 7 a raised area of land, smaller than a mountain .....
- 8 a large area of trees, growing closely together .....
- 9 buildings or other things which have been built .....
- 10 the word we use for the number 1,000,000 .....

## Vocabulary

### Word choice

① Replace the words in bold in the newspaper article with words which have a similar meaning. You will find these words in the grid.

E	W	T	I	M	B	E	R	Q	A	W
N	E	E	R	T	Y	U	C	I	T	O
J	A	P	A	R	T	M	E	N	T	S
O	L	P	A	S	D	F	N	G	R	H
Y	T	E	S	S	E	N	T	I	A	L
A	H	J	K	L	Z	X	R	C	C	V
B	Y	B	N	M	C	R	E	A	T	E
L	Q	A	R	E	A	W	E	R	I	T
E	Y	U	I	O	P	A	S	D	V	F
A	P	P	E	A	R	A	N	C	E	G

## New residential development fails to impress.

Report by our architecture correspondent



The town council has described Victory Mansions, the new block of flats

(1 ..... ) in the **middle**  
(2 ..... ) of the town as  
'an important (3 ..... )

addition to the town's residential facilities'. Your correspondent was invited to attend the opening ceremony, which promised to be a really **fun**  
(4 ..... ) event.

The ceremony itself was a rather downbeat affair. Nobody present was impressed by the building, which didn't look particularly **nice** (5 ..... ), with its grey concrete façade and rather dated **look** (6 ..... ). Unfortunately, the initial impression didn't change when we were shown the inside. The rooms were not only small but, thanks to the 'environmentally-friendly sound-proofing' **wood** (7 ..... ) on the walls, rather dark. The architects had tried to **make** (8 ..... ) a garden **place** (9 ..... ) on the roof, but it was so small that it could probably only comfortably accommodate five or six residents at any one time.

All in all, a big disappointment. And with prices starting at £500,000 for a two-room flat, you would have to be **very rich** (10 ..... ) to even consider living there.

## Key vocabulary

② Complete this passage with the words and phrases from the box.

affordable      construct      construction      demand  
design      engineers      foundations      housing  
improve      knock down      steel      tower blocks

A few years ago, to satisfy the increasing 1 ..... for practical and 2 ..... 3 ..... in my city, the local government decided the best solution would be to 4 ..... a lot of the old terraced houses and build 5 ..... in their place. At the same time, they decided to 6 ..... the city by replacing many of the old-fashioned brick office blocks with modern 7 ..... and glass skyscrapers. At great expense, a team of architects and 8 ..... were hired to 9 ..... and 10 ..... a new residential and business estate, and a huge 11 ..... programme began. However, as soon as the 12 ..... had been laid, the government suddenly announced there was no more money, and the programme stopped.