2 Look at the text about four cities below. According to each writer, what makes his/her city great?

I ♥ MY CITY

With Melbourne topping the list of the best cities in the world to live, we celebrate cities everywhere, and invite you to share what you love about your city. #whatmakesyourcitygreat



David

What I love most about this city are the parks and green spaces. When you have a little free time, there's always an open space, urban park or secret garden nearby where you can go to relax. One really interesting project, the High Line, is a 2.3 km long park built on an elevated section of a disused railway line. It's a wonderful pedestrian area and has splendid views of the Hudson River, Manhattan and the New York City skyline.



Kiyomi

The nightlife here is amazing. There are plenty of places to go and things to do in the evening, with thousands of cafés, restaurants and nightclubs. But what I like best about Tokyo are the unusual places to eat out. Last week, I had dinner at the seafood restaurant Zauo, where the tables are on a boat and you catch your own fish from the aquarium, which the chefs then cook for you. It was lots of fun!



Klaus

In most big cities there aren't enough roads that are safe for cycling. But here in Copenhagen, there are over 400 km of cycle paths, so you can cycle everywhere with no danger, avoiding traffic jams and keeping fit at the same time. There aren't many people who regularly use a car here – in fact, most people go to work or school by bike or on foot. Some use the Cycle Snake, an elevated cycle path over the harbour. It was built especially for cyclists, and the views from it are spectacular!



Lola

New Orleans sure has rhythm! You hear live music in almost every street: there's always a jazz band playing, or a few musicians jamming together in a café or on a street corner. My favourite time of year is Mardi Gras – the famous carnival celebration with music and colourful parades. Some people complain that there are too many tourists here at Mardi Gras, but I think everyone should be able to see the greatest free show on Earth!

3 Match the words in each box to make compound nouns. Check your answers in the text.

cycle	traffic	pedestrian	night

area	life	jam	path

4 Read the text again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false sentences.

1 There aren't many green spaces in New York. ____
2 There are trains on the High Line. ____
3 It isn't dangerous to cycle in Copenhagen. ____
4 Cars aren't allowed on the Cycle Snake. ____
5 In Tokyo the restaurants are all quite similar. ____
6 At Zauo customers catch the fish and cook it. ____
7 There's live music everywhere in New Orleans. ____
8 A lot of tourists visit New Orleans for Mardi Gras. ____

5 Which city sounds the best to live in? Why? Discuss your answers in pairs.

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9 4.4 Choose the correct quantifiers to complete the text. Listen and check.

not enough a few a little plenty of too too many



Melbourne number 1, again!

Melbourne has come first again in the list of the best places to live. Only [1]_____ cities like Zurich and Vancouver have come first more than once, but Melbourne has won it for the fifth consecutive year! It's such an interesting and vibrant city, with [2]_____ things to do. The climate is great – it's never [3]_____ hot or cold, which makes it perfect for strolling around the harbour or the pedestrian areas in the city centre, and admiring the colourful street art. If you like [4]_____ culture, spend a day exploring the city's museums, art galleries and the Arts Centre, which looks like the Eiffel Tower! Getting around is easy, too, but with more than a million people driving into the city every day, there are [5]_____ traffic jams and [6]_____ parking spaces. Catching the tram is easy and convenient, though.



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10 Discuss what you think of the following things in your city in pairs.

city centre public transport pedestrian areas nightlife art galleries car parks

cycle paths department stores shopping malls nightclubs traffic jams sports centres

A *In my opinion, there aren't enough pedestrian areas here.*

B *You're right, there's too much traffic, so we need more pedestrian areas.*

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