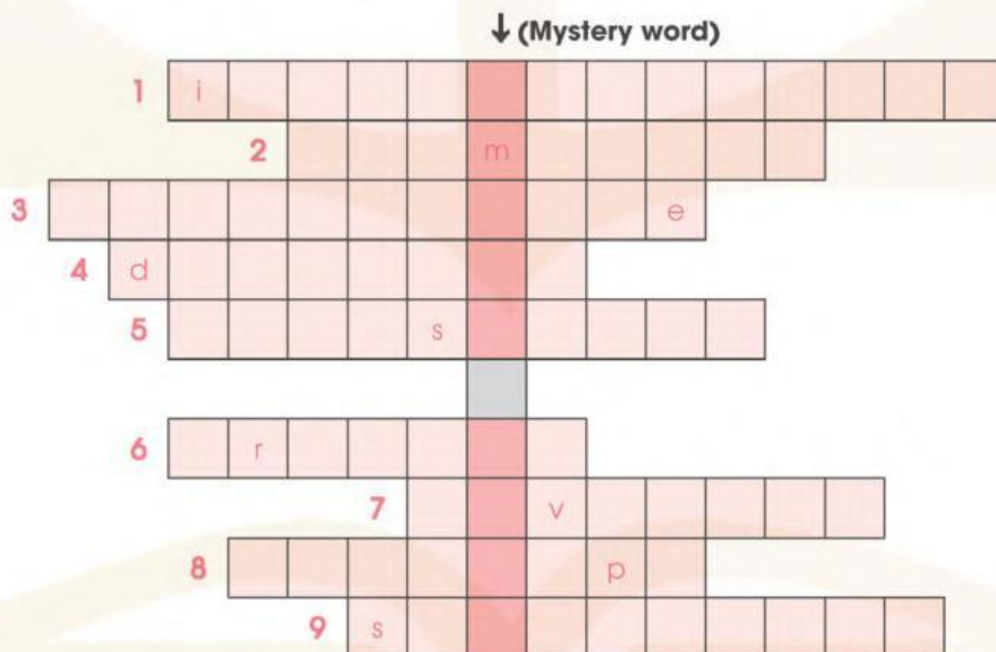# Unit 3

CITIES OF THE FUTURE

I Pronunciation

Mark (‿) the consonant and vowel sounds that can be linked. Practise saying these sentences.

1. Mary was attracted by the urban lifestyle the city can offer.
2. Old people who live in cities may feel lonely.
3. Cities of the future will become smarter because of AI technologies.
4. Living in high-rise apartments is becoming very common.
5. Life in big cities is exciting for young people.
6. Many people get stuck in traffic jams during rush hour.
7. One of the disadvantages of this area is the lack of public transport.
8. What are the major tourist attractions in your city?

II Vocabulary

1 Complete the crossword. What is the mystery word?

↓ (Mystery word)

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1. The city needs to improve its _____ in order to develop its economy.
2. People living in a smart city may not develop a sense of _____ because of limited interaction.
3. The cities of the future will be _____ thanks to green technologies.
4. Many young city _____ prefer cycling to using public transport.
5. The best way to encourage people to walk is by providing more _____ zones.
6. People in smart cities fear the loss of _____ as cameras are installed everywhere.
7. Our city is one of the most _____ cities in the region owing to its clean air and good infrastructure.
8. Creating vegetable gardens on _____ is a growing trend in many cities.
9. The restaurant is at the top of a big _____ in the city centre.

2 Match the words in A with the words or phrases in B to make phrases.

A	B
1. quality	a. sensors
2. sense	b. garden
3. smart	c. paths
4. roof	d. of life
5. high-rise	e. transport
6. traffic	f. buildings
7. cycle	g. jams
8. public	h. of community

3 Complete the following sentences with the phrases in **2**.

1. People move to the city to enjoy a better _____.
2. Cycling in the city is safe because cars are not allowed in the _____.
3. The best way to build a strong _____ is to involve people in activities in the neighbourhood.
4. The building is known for its beautiful _____.
5. Heavy rain in the summer often causes _____, especially during rush hour.
6. _____ save space and create homes to more people compared to low-rise buildings.
7. _____ use AI technology to collect and exchange information.
8. People in the city often prefer using _____ to driving their own vehicles.

III Grammar

1 **Choose the correct word or phrase to complete each sentence.**

1. I think/am thinking that smart cities offer a better quality of life.
2. There's a lot of noise coming from outside. Probably my neighbours are having/have a big party.
3. Do you see/Are you seeing the top of the skyscraper in the far distance?
4. My uncle has/is having a big house in the city centre.
5. Roof gardens have recently become very trendy/trend in big cities.
6. The idea of building a new urban centre sounds reason/reasonable.
7. With its unusual architecture, the new skyscraper looks amazing/amazed.
8. Minh became a city planner/to plan after he graduated from university.

2 **There are four wrong sentences. Find the mistakes and correct them.**

1. The garden looked really beautifully after we planted all the colourful flowers.
2. City dwellers often become unhappy about the lack of green spaces.
3. All the dishes taste good. You should try them all.
4. The room smells badly and needs cleaning immediately.
5. I am thinking about buying a flat in Ha Noi.
6. Are you remembering when the sensors were installed in the city?
7. I am seeing your point, but I don't think there's anything we can do at the moment.
8. My brother can't talk to you now. He is having a shower.

3 **Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verbs in the box.**

think	look	remember	have
seem	see	become	sound

1. I thought the man was American at first, but when he spoke, he _____ British.
2. We _____ our old teacher next weekend.
3. Our town is small, but it _____ many tourist attractions.
4. Villagers enjoy a simple lifestyle and _____ happier than city dwellers.
5. Underground trains _____ the most popular means of transport in big cities over the past few decades.
6. You look worried. What _____ you _____ about?
7. I _____ visiting the place, but I can't tell you when I did that.
8. The new hotel will _____ impressive when it is finished.

1 **Read the text and choose the best answers.**

What will smart cities be like?

More and more urban areas around the world are moving towards smart development. These smart cities will be the cities of the future. They will use (1) _____ technologies to improve their infrastructure and services.

Infrastructure will become more (2) _____ and eco-friendly. This will be achieved by reducing the use of natural resources and the amount of waste. In addition, city dwellers will have access to a transport system that combines different modes of transport such as buses, underground and overground trains, and is (3) _____ and easy to use. Smart cities will also have larger pedestrian zones and more cycle paths. Poor areas will be rebuilt to make all neighbourhoods safer and cleaner. This will provide better living spaces for the growing population and improve people's (4) _____ of living.

Most services will be offered online, and will be (5) _____ for everybody to use. People will also be able to give and receive feedback, monitor programmes and activities with the help of virtual tour worksites. In addition, many health and education services will be (6) _____ online, ensuring pleasant experience for residents. (7) _____, people will be able to book an appointment to see a doctor online. They will also receive prescriptions and all the necessary documents at home.

Improved infrastructure and efficient services will make the cities of the future more (8) _____ and will provide a better quality of life to city dwellers.

1. A. modern	**B.** main	**C.** present	**D.** efficient
2. A. sustainable	**B.** available	**C.** liveable	**D.** continuous
3. A. crowded	**B.** empty	**C.** efficient	**D.** renewable
4. A. degree	**B.** standard	**C.** level	**D.** average
5. A. convenient	**B.** demanding	**C.** comfortable	**D.** pleasant
6. A. taken	**B.** held	**C.** offered	**D.** brought
7. A. However	**B.** Although	**C.** For example	**D.** Due to
8. A. liveable	**B.** workable	**C.** moveable	**D.** usable

2 **Read the text and choose the best answers.**

Green spaces above our heads

Roof gardens, or gardens built on the top of city buildings, have become very popular in recent years, particularly in developed cities. It is even predicted that they will be the future of city architecture. This is because lack of space and **overpriced** land in cities makes it difficult to increase the number of parks and other green areas. So, what makes these 'green roofs' so attractive to city dwellers?

Roof gardens can improve air quality in cities. Plants take in and keep heat and light, and help to cool the environment around them. This way, green roofs help reduce greenhouse gas emissions related to heating and cooling buildings. They also help decrease dust pollution and the formation of smog, a mixture of smoke and fog, which is common in big cities.

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Moreover, green roofs can provide new habitats for wildlife. **They** can help reduce the impact of urban development on habitat loss. For example, the City Hall in Chicago, the USA, has become home to more than 20,000 plants of over 150 different kinds. The living roof of Vancouver Convention Centre in Canada hosts 400,000 plants and 60,000 bees. Roof gardens also attract birds and insects, which increases the biodiversity in the area.

In summary, roof gardens can reduce pollution and improve human interaction with nature by introducing green space into the built environment. Connecting with nature is beneficial to our physical and mental health, and can increase quality of life.

1. What is the text mainly about?

    A. Advantages of roof gardens.
    B. How green spaces increase biodiversity.
    C. Importance of green initiatives.
    D. The future of smart gardens.

2. The word '**overpriced**' in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

    A. too expensive
    B. reasonable
    C. valuable
    D. overdue

3. Which of the following is NOT true about roof gardens?

    A. They are built on the top of buildings.
    B. They reduce dust pollution.
    C. City dwellers think they are a waste of space.
    D. They improve air quality.

4. According to paragraph 2, smog is _____.

    A. a mixture of smoke and fog
    B. a combination of smoke and heat
    C. a combination of heat and fog
    D. a mixture of heat and light

5. The word '**They**' in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

    A. emissions
    B. green roofs
    C. habitats
    D. animals

6. What is on top of Vancouver Convention Centre?

    A. 150 birds and 400,000 plants.
    B. 400,000 bees and insects.
    C. 20,000 plants and 150 bees.
    D. 400,000 plants and 60,000 bees.

7. According to the text, by providing more green space, roof gardens help people _____.

    A. interact with nature
    B. stop urban development
    C. save wildlife
    D. learn about nature

V Speaking

1 **Complete the conversations by circling the best answers. Then practise reading them.**

1. *Nam:* Do you think our city will be recognised as a smart city this year?

    Minh: _____. There are still many challenges such as air pollution and heavy traffic.

    A. I have no doubt about it
    B. I'm sure about it
    C. This is not true
    D. I'm not sure about it

2. Peter: Do you think the smart traffic lights can help prevent traffic jams?

Mai: _____. Traffic lights will gather real-time information from smart sensors and regularly update light timing.

A. I don't know for sure

B. I have no doubt about it

C. I'm not certain about it

D. I'm not really sure about it

3. David: _____ you want your parents to buy you a bicycle instead of a motorbike?

Lan: I think cycling is a great idea because it helps reduce my carbon footprint.

A. Are you sure

B. Do you care

C. Are you OK

D. Do you like

4. Mr Long: Will it be OK if we sell our house and move into a flat?

Mrs Hoa: _____. Living in a flat will be as nice as living in a house. But we won't have a big garden or enough space for pets.

A. I'm not really sure about that

B. I'm absolutely sure about it

C. I have no doubt

D. That sounds good

2 Talk about the advantages of roof gardens. You may use the suggested ideas in the box to help you. You can start your talk with the sentence below.

> Advantages of roof gardens:
> - Improving air quality
> - Creating habitats for wildlife
> - Interacting and connecting with nature

'Roof gardens have several advantages. ...'

VI Writing

1 Use the words and phrases below, and add some words where necessary to make meaningful sentences. Change the verb forms if necessary.

1. Build / smart city / seem / impossible / 50 years / ago.

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2. I / not think / live / smart city / good / everyone.

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3. art museum building / look / impressive / a distance.

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4. great thing about / live / smart city / be / very / safe.

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5. Since / the first driverless railway / open / Japan / 1981, driverless trains / become popular / world.

_____

6. city tour, / including / visit / new twin towers, / sound / interest.

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7. City dwellers / can easily / book / parking lot / use / a mobile app.

_____

8. My parents / think / buy / new / house / outside / city.

_____

2 **Complete the sentences using the linking verbs in brackets and the adjectives in the box. You can add more words if necessary.**

| effective | upset | delicious | exciting |
| surprised | bad | high | active |

1. This is one of the best restaurants in town. All the food there (taste) _____.
2. The local authority has decided to build a bigger community centre. The idea (seem) _____.
3. My parents didn't expect me to win the first prize. I did win, but they didn't (appear) _____.
4. Local people often complain about the new waste collection point in the area. It (smell) _____.
5. Some people don't earn much money. The cost of living (seem) _____.
6. Mrs Hoa is involved in many activities in the neighborhood. She (be) _____.
7. Most city dwellers travel on crowded buses and trains during rush hour. They often (become) _____.
8. In this city, private cars are banned from the city centre during rush hour. This (seem) _____.

3 **Write an article (120–150 words) about the advantages and disadvantages of roof gardens in the city. Use the ideas below to help you.**

Advantages	Disadvantages
– Improving air quality	– Being expensive
– Creating habitats for wildlife	– Increasing weight on the structure
– Interacting and connecting with nature	– Being difficult to repair and maintain

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