

# Unit 3

## Cities of the future

### LANGUAGE

#### PRONUNCIATION

**I** Mark the consonant-to-vowel linking with ( ∪ ) in the following sentences. Then practice saying these sentences aloud.

1. He bought a house in the city centre.
2. This is the most beautiful skyscraper I've ever seen.
3. With the help of technology, we can save more energy for production.
4. A lot of city dwellers now use their own cars to travel to work.
5. The high-rise building attracts a lot of people.

#### VOCABULARY

**II** Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

1. In the construction plan of this high-rise building, we decided to build a \_\_\_\_\_ for people to grow some trees.  
A. sunroof      B. roof garden      C. skyscraper      D. parking area
2. Many \_\_\_\_\_, especially in developing countries, still live in poor living conditions although living standard in the city has been improved.  
A. city dwellers      B. villagers      C. lifestyles      D. skyscrapers
3. The local authority is planning to improve the \_\_\_\_\_ of some factories after many years of operation.  
A. biodiversity      B. land      C. neighbourhood      D. infrastructure
4. New York City is famous for a lot of beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ where we can see the sights from above.  
A. skyscrapers      B. atmosphere      C. lifestyles      D. services
5. More people are now moving to the \_\_\_\_\_ to find a well-paid job, so the population in the city is increasing rapidly.  
A. underground      B. rural area      C. urban centre      D. environment
6. Hunting rare species of animals for commercial purposes is damaging the \_\_\_\_\_ of the environment and leading to the extinction of these species.  
A. biology      B. green space      C. natural habitats      D. biodiversity

7. Every Saturday evening, my friends joined and walked together along \_\_\_\_\_ near my house.

- A. cycle paths      B. pedestrians      C. future cities      D. transport systems

**III** Complete each of the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets.

- Human beings should use natural resources more (efficient) \_\_\_\_\_ and reduce waste.
- This is not the best city we've lived, but it is (live) \_\_\_\_\_.
- (Sustain) \_\_\_\_\_ development is one of the most important goals in our country.
- People in the city are worried about limited (private) \_\_\_\_\_ because cameras and sensors are installed in many places.
- City dwellers are encouraged to use public transports to reduce greenhouse gas (emit) \_\_\_\_\_.
- We are living in a (neighbor) \_\_\_\_\_ with a large pedestrian zone and smart technologies.
- Most cities of the future will probably use (renew) \_\_\_\_\_ resources to protect the environment.

**IV** Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

- These smart devices are expected to help people predict changes in traffic and **cope with** traffic jams.  
A. interact      B. fight      C. operate      D. replace
- We can discuss how to make **room** for more pedestrian zones in our neighbourhood.  
A. apartment      B. hall      C. chance      D. space

**V** Mark the letter A, B, C, or D indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

- The **growing** population will cause some problems in the development of a nation.  
A. decreasing      B. increasing      C. rising      D. lowering
- Cameras and sensors are set up in our building to make our residents **secure**.  
A. harmful      B. protected      C. unsafe      D. certain

**GRAMMAR**

**VI** Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

- The high-rise building looks more \_\_\_\_\_ to visitors from a distance.  
A. attracting      B. attractive      C. attraction      D. attractively



2. I \_\_\_\_\_ that cities of the future should focus on the sustainable development.  
A. will believe      B. am believing      C. was believing      D. believe
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ of moving to the city to find a job now.  
A. are thinking      B. will think      C. thought      D. were thinking
4. The transport system seems more \_\_\_\_\_ for city dwellers to travel around.  
A. convenience      B. inconvenience      C. convenient      D. conveniently
5. The nightlife in cities seems more \_\_\_\_\_ with many activities.  
A. exciting      B. excitingly      C. excitement      D. excited

**VII** Choose the correct answer to each of the following questions.

- The city view *looks / is looking* more beautiful when you see from up above.
- We *look / are looking* at the map of smart urban planning now.
- I *don't feel / am not feeling* very well in this area. There is too much air pollution here.
- The city appears more *modern / modernly* as the local authority has improved the infrastructure here.
- Rooftop farming sounds a good *idea / ideal* for an environmentally-friendly lifestyle in the high-rise building.

**VIII** Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.

- My sister has a birthday party in the roof garden of our building next week.  
A                      B                      C                      D
- We are believing that the new underground will reduce traffic jams in the urban centre.  
A                      B                      C                      D
- The population gets larger in big cities. What do you think we should do?  
A                      B                      C                      D
- The air in the city seems more pollute, and many city dwellers are concerned about it.  
A                      B                      C                      D
- The high-rise building looks beautifully and becomes a symbol of the city.  
A                      B                      C                      D