

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

III 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.

1. Human beings should use natural resources more (efficient) _____ and reduce waste.
2. This is not the best city we've lived, but it is (live) _____.
3. (Sustain) _____ development is one of the most important goals in our country.
4. People in the city are worried about limited (private) _____ because cameras and sensors are installed in many places.
5. City dwellers are encouraged to use public transports to reduce greenhouse gas (emit) _____.
6. We are living in a (neighbor) _____ with a large pedestrian zone and smart technologies.
7. 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.

1. 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
2. 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.

1. The growing population will cause some problems in the development of a nation.
A. decreasing B. increasing C. rising D. lowering
2. 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.

1. 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.

1. The city view *looks / is looking* more beautiful when you see from up above.
2. We *look / are looking* at the map of smart urban planning now.
3. I *don't feel / am not feeling* very well in this area. There is too much air pollution here.
4. The city appears more *modern / modernly* as the local authority has improved the infrastructure here.
5. 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.

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