Listening Ex. > Overcrowded Cities: Top Five

A. Match each word with its corresponding synonyms. These words may help you understand the recording.

Words
tax
yearly
measures
ban
overnight
moratorium
dock

Synonyms / Antonyms
(1) annually, every year
(2) harbor, marina; moor ≠ *put to sea*
(3) during the course of a night; suddenly
(4) levy, tariff; ≠ *rebate*
(5) prohibition, veto; ≠ *permission*
(6) ban, embargo, freeze
(7) action, proceeding

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B. Listen to a recording about the most overcrowded cities in Europe. Complete the chart using NO MORE THAN FOUR (4) WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER.

	Number of Residents	Number of Tourists	Measures taken to limit overtourism
Venice	(1) _____	(2) _____	- inclusion on the (3) _____ list - (4) _____ visitors - tax of (5) _____ visitors
Barcelona	(6) _____ million	(7) _____	- (8) _____ visitors - limit on (9) _____ beds - moratorium (10) _____ hotels - ban on cruise (11) _____ city center - reduction (12) _____
Amsterdam	(13) _____	(14) _____	- ban (15) _____ from city center - (16) _____ district - ban on cruise (17) _____ port
Bruges	(18) _____	(19) _____	- (20) _____ trips - reduction of cruise ships docking at its port (from (21) _____ to (22) _____ days)
Dubrovnik	(23) _____	(24) _____	- (25) introduction of '_____' campaign - ban on (26) _____ - ban on (27) _____ places

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