4a **Read the following text and complete it with the words in the box.** Preberi besedilo in ga dopolni z besedami v okvirju.

weekends market playgrounds friendly clock tower statue ~~summer~~ bicycle castle steps concert museum parks bridges funicular pubs cathedral

LJUBLJANA, MY FAVOURITE CITY

I'm Eduardo Sánchez Rugeles, a writer from Caracas, Venezuela. As a writer I travel a lot for both work and pleasure. Many people have their favourite city. I also have my favourite one. It's called Ljubljana. The city is small but very nice. I like it so much that I've written a novel entitled *Liubliana*.

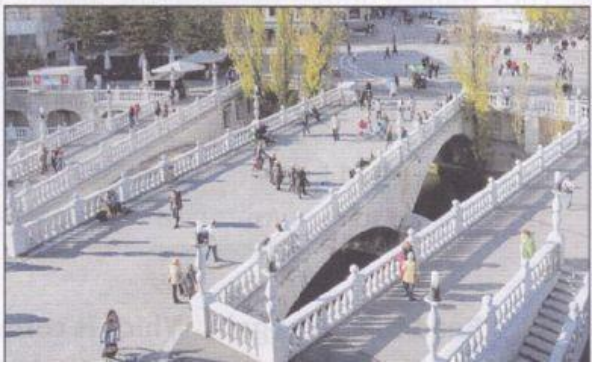
I like the (1) summer in Ljubljana, when people sit outside in small cafés. Ljubljana's Old Town is full of small outdoor (2) _____ and interesting people. The streets in the Old Town are narrow and the houses are close to each other. There are several (3) _____ that cross the River Ljubljanica. They connect the old and new parts of Ljubljana. The most famous bridge is the 'Tromostovje' (the Triple Bridge or the Three Bridges).

In Prešeren Square, near the 'Tromostovje', you can see the (4) _____ of the famous Slovenian poet France Prešeren. The statue is one of the most popular meeting places for young people. When the spring and sunny days arrive, they gather there and sit on the (5) _____ beneath the statue. They chat, laugh or listen to street musicians, or just hang out.

There are many other places of interest in Ljubljana: the beautiful (6) _____, the bright red Franciscan Church, the Križanke (i.e. the summer festival theatre), the central (7) _____, etc.

And then on top of the hill, there's a (8) _____. The castle is a symbol of Ljubljana. It's about a thousand years old and from its (9) _____, you can enjoy a fantastic view of the city and its surroundings. In the castle are also two wedding halls, a city (10) _____ and a virtual theatre. Here, you can watch a video that shows the history of the city. You can get to the castle by tourist train, (11) _____ and, of course, on foot. There are many pathways leading up the hill.

Ljubljana is beautiful because it's so green, with many trees and (12) _____. A few minutes from the centre, there's a big park called 'Tivoli'. The park is always full of people, children and dogs, especially at (13) _____. There are some tennis courts, a very big swimming pool, a (14) _____ hall, and several children's (15) _____. Most people use the bus to get around. But the quickest form of transport is probably the (16) _____; this is true over a distance of about five kilometres, but after that the car takes over.



Ljubljana is becoming a modern European city. It's not a big city but it's lovely and people are very (17) _____.