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CITY LIFE



ABOUT YOU

04 Watch the video and discuss the questions.
Would you prefer to live in a big city or a village? Why?
What are the good and bad things about where you live?

VOCABULARY

City problems



1 Match the words to the photos A-F.
More than one word can match some photos. Then listen and check.

crowds graffiti green spaces
pollution power cut
public transport rubbish
rush hour traffic jam



2 Complete the sentences with some of the problems in Exercise 1.

- 0 If we leave for the shopping centre early, we can avoid the crowds. It gets really busy there by lunchtime.
- 1 There was a _____ in our building last night. We had to use torches to see.
- 2 Can you take out the _____? They'll collect it tomorrow morning.
- 3 There's a huge problem with _____ in our city from cars and lorries. Many of the buses are electric now.
- 4 There is always a _____ outside our school in the mornings. More children should walk to school. It's dangerous!
- 5 I go to school by _____. I often catch the bus but there's also a train.
- 6 We never go on the underground during the _____ in summer. The trains get too hot.



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3 Listen to four people describing where they live. Answer the questions about each person.

- Do they live in a city or in a village?
- What problem from Exercise 1 is each person talking about? Choose from the words in the box.

graffiti green spaces public transport rush hour

- Do they live in a city or in a village?

Speaker 1:

Speaker 2:

Speaker 3:

Speaker 4:

- What problem is each person talking about?

Speaker 1:

Speaker 2:

Speaker 3:

Speaker 4:



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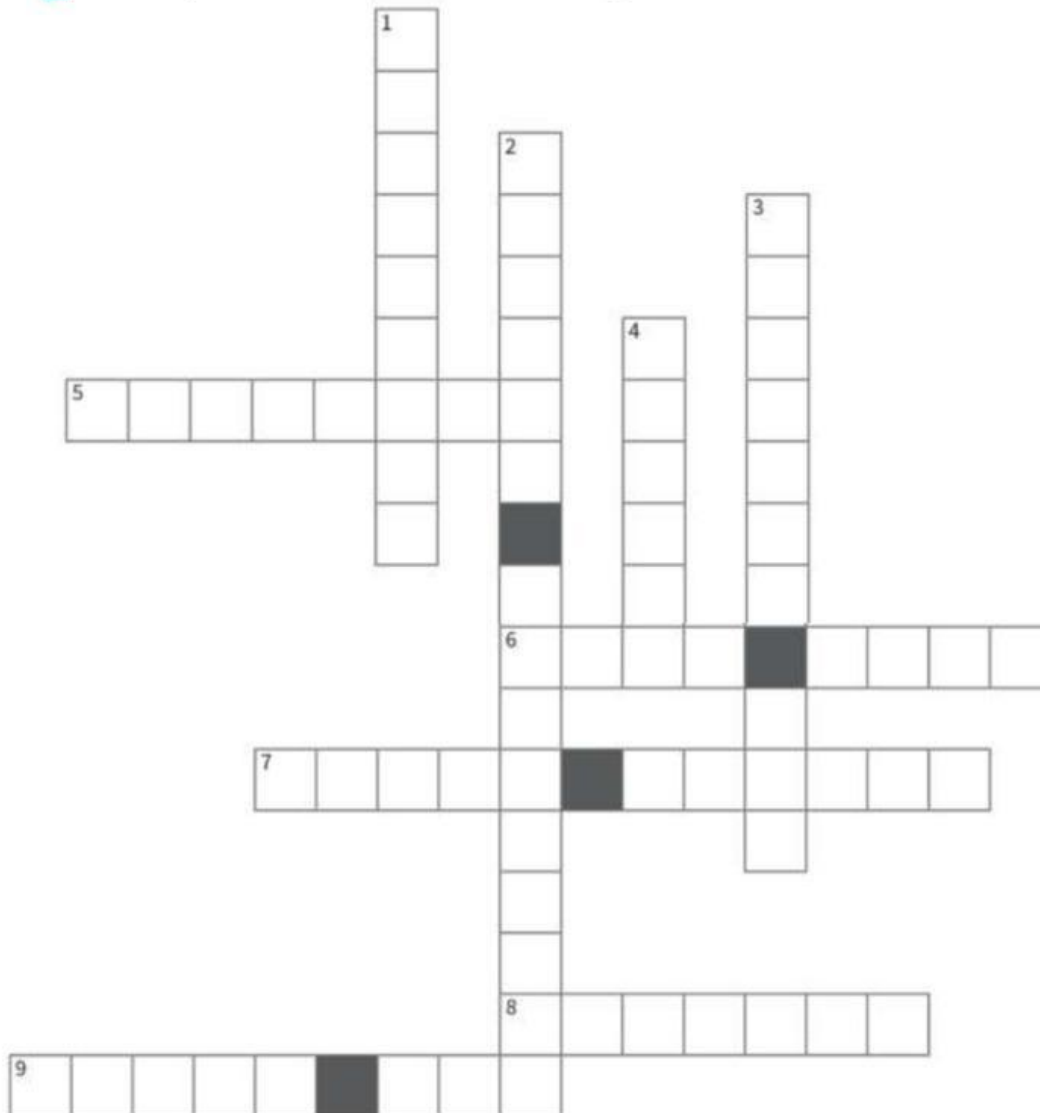
4 Listen and write one or two words in each space.

- 1 There's a lot of graffiti on a _____ near the man's house.
- 2 When the girl lived in a village, she _____ to school.
- 3 The boy usually gets _____ into the city.
- 4 The woman says she avoids _____ during the rush hour.

5 Complete the sentences about where you live. Use the problems in Exercise 1. Discuss your sentences in pairs.

- 1 There's a serious problem with ...
- 2 We don't have a problem with ...
- 3 There are lots of ...
- 4 There isn't/aren't enough ...
- 5 One of my favourite places is ...
- 6 One thing I don't like is ...

1 Complete the crossword using the clues below.



- 1 dirty air in towns and cities
- 2 buses and trains that people pay to travel on
- 3 a long line of vehicles waiting to move
- 4 large numbers of people in one place
- 5 words or pictures that we see on walls
- 6 the busiest period in a city for traffic
- 7 areas of grass and trees in a city
- 8 things some people don't want and leave on the street
- 9 when an electrical system stops working

2 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 The city is full of *pollution* / *rubbish*, so the government is asking people to stop driving their cars for one day.
- 2 I was in a *power cut* / *traffic jam*, so I got home late.
- 3 People leave their *rubbish* / *crowds* on the street and it makes the city look horrible.
- 4 There are lots of *green spaces* / *public transport* in my city where you can relax and have lunch.
- 5 The *graffiti* / *crowds* at the concert last night were really big.
- 6 *Public transport* / *Rush hour* in my town is very good. I always get to work on time.
- 7 Some people think *graffiti* / *green spaces* is not really art.
- 8 We had no electricity for six hours because there was a *rush hour* / *power cut*.
- 9 I leave work early every day, so I miss the *rush hour* / *public transport*.

3 Complete the conversations with the words from Exercise 1.

- Anna:** Have you seen that new
1 _____ on
the wall of Central Tower? It's an
amazing work of art!
- Nathan:** Yeah, I don't like it. I think it
makes the city look untidy. And
if that isn't bad enough, people
still don't use bins and leave their
2 _____ on the
streets.
- Anna:** Oh, I love it! But I know what
you mean about the city
looking untidy. We need more
3 _____ to
make it look more beautiful and
natural.
- Nathan:** Yeah, but what can we do about
the 4 _____?
The air is really dirty!
- Anna:** I know! There are too many cars
on the road – I'm always in a
5 _____ trying
to get home.
- Nathan:** Don't remind me! When
I leave work at 5 pm, it's
6 _____, and
driving then is the worst!
- Anna:** I agree, but it's the
same when you use
7 _____ – there
are 8 _____
of people everywhere waiting for
buses and trains. You can't move!
- Nathan:** It was like that last week. There
was a 9 _____
for a few hours – no street lights,
no trains or buses. People didn't
get home until 10 pm!