

LOOKING BACK

Vocabulary

1 Choose the correct answer to complete each sentence below.

1. It takes Jane 30 minutes to travel from her house in the **suburbs** / **downtown** to her office in the city centre.
2. Minh prefers the **metro** / **sky train**. He finds it more comfortable to go underground than above the ground.
3. The city centre is now packed with high buildings. It looks like an ugly **public amenity** / **concrete jungle**.
4. He loves the nightlife of his city. He thinks that it is **lively** / **noisy**.
5. Ho Chi Minh City is a **slow** / **bustling** city. It is always full of activities.

2 Fill in each gap with a word from the box to complete the passage.

congestion peaceful safe
liveable itchy



Mia lives in a small town. In the past, there were not many people living in the town, so it was rather quiet and (1) _____. Nowadays, it is totally different.

The more crowded the town is, the less (2) _____ it becomes. Crime rates are increasing quickly. Moreover, many car



drivers don't obey traffic rules, so they indirectly cause traffic (3) _____. Construction sites are everywhere in the town.

- The dust and dirt from these sites have caused many problems for people's health, for example (4) _____ eyes, runny noses, and acne. All these things make Mia feel that her town is not as (5) _____ as before.

Grammar

3 Complete the sentences with the particles in the box.

out (x2) down with
down on away

1. People are throwing _____ tons of food each year. This is such a waste!
2. The shopping mall is a popular place for teens to hang _____ with one another these days.
3. The city council wants to cut _____ construction noise by 20% in the next five years.
4. The researchers carried _____ a study about people's attitudes towards their cities.
5. Many people come _____ the flu in winter.

4 Find a grammar mistake in each sentence and correct it.

1. The dirtier the air gets, more difficult it is for people to breathe.
2. My brother likes to get up the city by bike, but I prefer using public transport.
3. Nearer the school is, the more convenient it is for the students.
4. She came up with a cold after walking in the heavy rain.
5. The more slow the Internet is, the angrier the users get.