

Exercise 1. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the others.

1. A. packed B. traffic C. face D. happy
2. A. polluted B. cut C. bus D. much
3. A. traffic B. nature C. safe D. waste
4. A. think B. through C. there D. thank
5. A. city B. living C. heavily D. pricey

Exercise 2. Choose the word whose main stress is placed differently from the others.

6. A. urban B. crowded C. reliable D. costly
7. A. pollution B. attractive C. expensive D. overcrowded
8. A. convenient B. environment C. resident D. expensive

Exercise 3. Complete each sentence with the correct form of the word in brackets.

1. Air _____ has become a serious problem in many large cities. (POLLUTE)
2. The city centre is becoming increasingly _____ because of the growing number of residents. (CROWD)
3. We need a more _____ public transport system to encourage people to leave their cars at home. (RELY)
4. The government should invest in the _____ of public facilities. (IMPROVE)
5. Many people move to urban areas in search of better employment _____. (OPPORTUNE)
6. The old industrial area is unattractive and has become an _____ in the neighbourhood. (EYE)
7. Although the flat is small, its location is extremely _____ for commuters. (CONVENIENCE)
8. The rapid growth of the city has caused serious environmental _____. (PROBLEM)
9. Housing has become increasingly _____ for young people in major cities. (AFFORD)
10. The local authorities are working to reduce traffic _____ during rush hour. (CONGEST)