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How Green Cities Help the Environment

Reading Text (Level A2)

Many people live in big cities today. Modern cities have tall buildings, busy roads, and many cars. Because of traffic and factories, cities have a lot of **pollution**. Pollution makes the air dirty and difficult to breathe. Cities are also hotter than the countryside. Roads and concrete buildings hold heat from the sun. In summer, temperatures in the city can become very high.

To solve these problems, many places are becoming **green cities**. A green city works together with nature. People plant thousands of trees along streets and pavements. Trees are fantastic for the environment. They clean dirty air and give us fresh oxygen. Trees also give shade on sunny days, which cools the streets.

Another clever idea is the **roof garden**. In normal cities, roofs are grey and empty. In a green city, people grow grass, flowers, and small bushes on top of buildings. These gardens catch heavy rain and stop streets from flooding. They also keep flats and offices cool inside, so people use less air conditioning and save electricity.

Green cities are also wonderful for **wildlife**. When cities plant flowers and trees, birds, bees, and insects find a safe home. Bees are especially important because they help plants grow. Green spaces also help humans: walking in a park reduces stress and makes people feel calm.

Everyone can help. You do not need to be an expert. You can plant flowers on a balcony, ride a bicycle instead of travelling by car, and pick up **rubbish** in your local park. Small actions make a big difference!



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Useful Words (Словничок)

pollution — забруднення

countryside — сільська місцевість

environment — довкілля

shade — тінь

roof garden — сад на даху

flooding — затоплення, повінь

air conditioning — кондиціонування повітря

reduce stress — зменшувати стрес

rubbish — сміття

pavement — тротуар

Task 1

Read the sentences. Write True or False in the box.

Statement	True / False
1. Cities are usually cooler than the countryside in the summer.	
2. Trees in cities give shade and produce clean oxygen.	
3. Roof gardens catch rain and help stop streets from flooding.	

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Task 2

Choose the correct answer (A, B, or C).

4. Why is the air in big cities often dirty?
   - ◯ A) Because of rain and wind
   - ◯ B) Because of traffic and pollution
   - ◯ C) Because of too many parks

5. How do roof gardens help people save energy?
   - ◯ A) They keep buildings cooler inside
   - ◯ B) They produce electricity directly
   - ◯ C) They replace street lights

6. What happens to people when they walk in green spaces?
   - ◯ A) They feel more stressed
   - ◯ B) They feel tired and bored
   - ◯ C) They feel calm and happy

Task 3

Match the beginning of each sentence (7-10) with the correct ending (A-D).

7. Trees along streets...	**A.** ...because they help plants and flowers grow.
8. Buildings with roof gardens...	**B.** ...need less air conditioning in summer.
9. Bees are very important...	**C.** ...such as picking up rubbish in a local park.
10. We can all do simple things...	**D.** ...clean dirty air and lower the temperature.

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Task 4



11. How do green spaces help birds, bees and other insects? Use information from the text.

12. Write two things you can do to make your own town or neighbourhood greener. Write in complete English sentences.

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