



READING ASSESSMENT #1
3rd UNIT

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Grade: III° Section: " _____ " Level: Intermediate +

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COMPETENCIA: Lee diversos tipos de textos en inglés como lengua extranjera

CAPACIDAD: Infiere y comprende información de textos orales escritos.

DESEMPEÑO PRECISADO: Deducir diversas relaciones lógicas y jerárquicas en textos escritos a partir de información explícita e implícita.

1.- Read the texts about megacities then complete the missing sentences. Write the number in each blank.



MOVING TO THE

MEGACITIES!

Right now, one of the biggest changes in the history of the world is taking place. Yes, an important transformation has already begun and it looks like it will continue for years to come. China is a country where the population is in movement. (a) And they are all moving in the same direction – from the country to the city. At the moment, less than half the population of China lives in cities, but that situation is changing and it is changing fast.

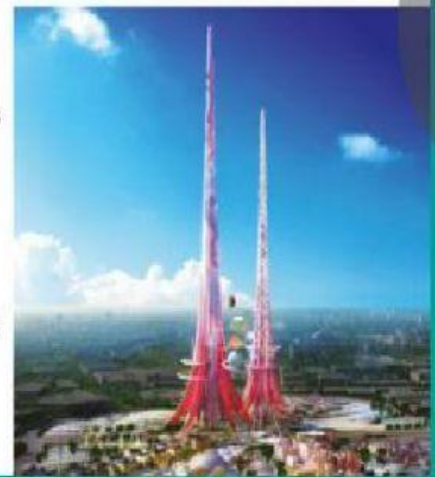
Traditionally, the majority of the population of China has lived in quiet, rural areas. But industry is growing so fast that there is constant need for new workers in the city, in factories, construction sites, shops and offices. At the same time, life has become difficult for those living in the country. The traditional way of life is not so easy to follow any more. (b) But now there is an urgent need to build, to build big, tall and fast.

(c) Shanghai had none in 1980. Since then, they have built over twice as many as New York! Few Chinese people live in detached or semi-detached houses. So, many large blocks of flats have appeared in the suburbs of these new Chinese megacities to accommodate the new arrivals. But this has led to packed conditions in cities such as Tianjin where over 11 million people live, or in Shanghai itself which has a population of over 22 million.

(d) As the cities increase in size, they eat up historic old buildings and invade the quiet villages nearby. Nearly 160 Chinese cities have passed one million inhabitants in the last 20 years and they continue to grow today. The future consequences of these enormous changes are still difficult to predict, both for China and for the whole planet.

(e) So they have started designing and building new 'eco-cities'. In these eco-cities there is an emphasis on clean, renewable energy. For example, in one eco-city engineers

have just started work on the construction of the world's tallest and greenest skyscrapers, the Phoenix Towers. The idea of these stunning towers is to use solar power for electricity and to collect rainwater for the use of the residents. The walls of the towers even have green plants living on them to clean the air. Hopefully, with plans like this China's megacities can be attractive, clean, modern and good for the environment.



- 1 Luckily, China has already realised the impact that megacities could have on the environment.
- 2 Until recently there was no need to build such enormous cities in China.
- 3 Day by day, these lively new megacities keep expanding.
- 4 Some experts calculate that over 260 million people are moving, more than the entire population of a huge country like Brazil!
- 5 The rapid growth in the number of skyscrapers is an obvious demonstration of this.

2 Read the text again and answer the questions.

- 1 Where does over 50% of the Chinese population live now?

- 2 Why are Chinese cities growing?

- 3 In cities, where do most Chinese people live, and what effect does that have on the cities?

- 4 How is China trying to fight against the possible negative effects of the new cities on the environment?

- 5 In what ways are the Phoenix Towers good for the environment?

3 What about you?

- 1 Would you like to live in a megacity? Why/Why not?

- 2 Which city in your country is the best to live in? Why?
