

2 VOCABULARY: Urban problems

- A  1.49 Listen and repeat the words. Find and underline nine of these words in the blog post in exercise 1C. Then use all of the words to complete the paragraphs below.

air concrete graffiti land noise pollution
smoke space traffic traffic jam trash

Cities are full of cars, so there's often ¹ _____ on the roads. This often leads to a ² _____, which means delays. The cars cause ³ _____, along with the ⁴ _____ from factories, and dirty ⁵ _____ is bad for our health. You can also hear the ⁶ _____ of the traffic all over the city.

Cities can be ugly, too. Most of the ⁷ _____ has high-rise buildings and ⁸ _____ sidewalks on it. And when people share the same ⁹ _____, they produce tons of garbage. Some people leave their ¹⁰ _____ on the street. There's ¹¹ _____ on some buildings, and even if it looks nice, business owners usually don't like it.

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Complete the sentences with the correct words.

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- 1 Just outside our office, there's an ugly _____ wall with _____ painted on it.
- 2 Tall buildings need only a little _____, but they have a lot of _____ inside them.
- 3 Some people eat as they're walking and throw their _____ right on the sidewalk.
- 4 My house isn't right next to the highway, but I can hear the _____ from the _____.
- 5 It's hard to breathe because of all the _____ in the _____ from cars.

- B **Correct the sentences.**

- 1 There are so ^{many} ~~much~~ people in this city.
- 2 Almost all of the peoples here live in apartments.
- 3 There is very few space left for new people.
- 4 There is almost no trashes on the streets in my neighborhood.
- 5 Several of the building downtown have graffiti on them.
- 6 There is so many graffiti on the building where I work.
- 7 Almost no of the real color of the building shows.

Put each word in the box in the correct place in the chart.

air	car	graffiti	noise	road	space	train
building	concrete	highway	office	sidewalk	traffic	trash
bus	color	land	pollution	smoke	traffic jam	tree

Count nouns

building

Noncount nouns

air

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A Use the clues to complete the crossword puzzle.

ACROSS

- 3 Factories can cause _____ in the water.
- 5 Old candy wrappers and used tissues are _____.
- 7 We all want to breathe clean _____.
- 8 If something burns, it makes _____.
- 9 A picture spray-painted on the wall of a building is called _____.

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- 1 There is not a lot of open _____ in big cities. It's all covered by buildings and roads.
- 2 Sidewalks are made of _____.
- 4 In a _____, cars move very slowly or not at all.
- 5 There is a lot of _____ on the roads when everyone is on their way to work.
- 6 Big cities are not usually quiet – there is a lot of _____.
- 8 City apartments are usually small because there isn't a lot of _____ for big apartments.