

Exercise 7

Read the sentences from the article. Choose the correct definitions of the words and phrases in bold.

1. This has received a **great deal** of media attention; books have been written, conferences organised and committees established to debate the causes of urbanisation ...
 - a good arrangement for
 - a large amount of
2. Several South Korean cities are also becoming smaller, and this trend will continue unless the **birth rate** increases.
 - number of babies being born
 - quality of healthcare
3. It means, of course, fewer youngsters to bring down the average age, and consequently, the trend gathers momentum and **accelerates**.
 - becomes more widely understood
 - gets faster
4. A classic example is Detroit, once the centre of America's **thriving** car industry, but now a sparsely populated urban wasteland.
 - busy and financially successful
 - declining
5. Many cities that are now declining relied heavily on a specific industry for the employment of a large **portion** of the workforce.
 - payment
 - percentage
6. Flint, another ex-industrial **powerhouse**, can no longer provide the jobs its residents need, and so many have left ...
 - place that produces electricity
 - place with lots of energy, activity and skill

7. ... and so many have left, **driven away** by unemployment and the prospect of better opportunities ...

- forced to leave
- travelling by car