

UNIT 6

C.READING

Exercise 5: Read the newspaper article about cycling in cities. Then complete the exercise.

Today, many large cities around the world have too many cars on their roads. This is bad for cities, because it takes people a long time to travel to work, and there are many more car accidents. However, the biggest problem with cars is that there is lot of pollution in cities. This is bad for people's health. One way to stop this problem is for people to leave their cars at home and use public transport, for example buses and trains. Many cities like London and Paris now have a new cleaner way for people to travel. They can rent bicycles to travel around the city. It is a healthy and cheap way to travel, and many people now prefer to use bicycles for short journeys.

In London, there are special stations to rent bicycles. People take a bicycle from one station and return it to a different station later in the day. It costs £2.00 to rent a bicycle for 30 minutes, £3.00 for one hour, and £5.00 for two hours. There are many different bicycle stations around the city. Most of the stations are in the city center, but there are also some stations in areas where people live and near places like parks and museums. The most popular time for people to use these bicycles is at the weekend, but many people also use the bicycles to travel to work in the mornings on weekdays. In Paris, people can rent bicycles in the same way as they can in London, but Paris has more bicycle stations than London.

There are many cities around the world where people can rent bicycles in this way. The first bicycle stations were in Amsterdam in the Netherlands, while Hangzhou is the first city in China to build a set of bicycle stations. Copenhagen in Denmark has the most modern bicycles. The bicycles there have computer screens which give people directions to different places in the city. Copenhagen is a very good city for riding bicycles. There is a lot of space for people to cycle on the roads, and there are even some special traffic lights for bicycles. It is not surprising that more people travel by bicycle in Copenhagen than by car. In the future, it is likely that people will be able to rent bicycles in many more cities around the world. This means that there will be fewer cars and less pollution.

Riding bicycles is not only a good way to stop pollution. Many people say that they also feel happier when they ride a bicycle than they do when they drive a car, or take a

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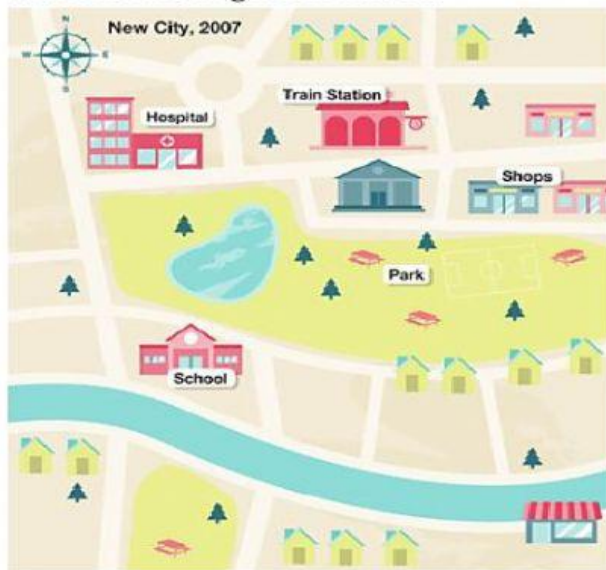
bus or train. This is because they feel healthier, have more energy and can also save money. More people now travel to work by bicycle in many cities than before and people are more likely to go shopping in areas of the city that are close to bicycle stations. The areas close to bicycle stations are even becoming popular places for people to live.

Choose the correct answers. Read the newspaper article again to help you.

- 1 The most important problem with cars in cities is longer travel times/ more car accidents/ more pollution.
- 2 To rent a bicycle in London for one-hour costs £2.00/ £3.00/ £ 4.00
- 3 Most of the bicycle stations in London are in the city centre/ near people's houses/ near parks and museums.
- 4 The most popular time for people to rent bicycles in London is at the weekend/ in the mornings/ on weekdays.
- 5 In Paris, the number of bicycle stations is smaller than in London/ larger than in London/ the same as in London.
- 6 The first country to have bicycle stations was China/ Denmark/ The Netherlands.
- 7 For people riding bicycles, Copenhagen has a lot of space/ stations/ traffic lights.
- 8 Bicycle stations in cities have changed where people go shopping/ where people work/ where people live.

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Exercise 6: Look at the maps of New City in 2007 and 2017. Complete the sentences with the missing information.



- 1 New City has a river in the middle/ north/ south of the city.
- 2 The bus station is in the east/ north/ south of the city.
- 3 The train station moved to the north/ east/ west of the city in 2017.
- 4 The hospital in 2017 is smaller than/ bigger than/ the same as it was in 2007.
- 5 In 2007, there were fewer/ more/ no places to go shopping in the city.
- 6 The new airport is west/ north/ south of the shopping center.
- 7 The river is now the busiest/ quietest/ smallest area of the city.
- 8 There are fewer/ more/ less schools in 2017 than in 2007.

Exercise 7: Complete the table with the correct adjective, comparative or superlative forms.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
1 small	_____	the smallest
2 _____	bigger	_____
3 _____	_____	the most expensive
4 important	_____	_____

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5 _____	easier	_____
6 _____	_____	the best
7 bad	_____	_____
8 much/ many	_____	the most
9 a lot	_____	the most

Exercise 8: Choose the correct words to complete the paragraph.

There were some big/ bigger/ biggest changes to New City between 2007 and 2017. Perhaps the most important change is that there are now a lot/ more/ most types of transport. There is a new bus station and an airport. The buildings are also much tall/ taller/ tallest than they were in 2007. There are many new modern apartment buildings and the new hospital is much modern/ more modern/ most modern than the old one. In 2007, the river was quiet/ quiter/ quietest than it is now. There were not a lot of/ the most/ most shops and restaurants. Now there are more shops and restaurants and the area is much busy/ busier/ busiest than it was before. Most people who live in New City think that it is a good/ bettter/ best place to live now than it was in 2007.

Exercise 9: Put the description of two maps of a city in 2007 and 2017 in the correct order.

Firstly, there are more types of transport than in the past. In 2007, New City had just one train station in the west of the city. The city now has an airport in the east and a bus station in the south west. In addition, people can rent bicycles in several areas of the city center.

Secondly, the buildings in New City are very different today. In 2007, most people lived in houses. Now, there are new apartment buildings. There is a bigger, more modern hospital, and there are many more shops and restaurant, including a large new shopping center in the east of the city.

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It is an attractive city with a river and several green areas. The main center is opposite a large park.

The two biggest changes to New City that we can see are the different types of public transport and buildings.

The two maps show some of the main changes to a city between 2007 and 2017. The name of the city is New City.