

- 1 He *became / has become* rather stubborn and difficult to deal with when he got older.
- 2 We have polluted the air and water to such an extent that life *became / has become* less healthy.
- 3 The diet of young children *becomes / has become* worse and unbalanced.
- 4 Our modern way of working *has changed / changed* our habit of eating together with the whole family.
- 5 My speaking skills *are improved / have improved* a lot thanks to your special courses.
- 6 Mobile phones and technology in general *increased / have increased* the gaps between today's families.
- 7 I *have been / am* roller-blading since I was ten.
- 8 Who *had / has never* arrived home after an exhausting journey, sat down and said 'home sweet home'?
- 9 At the end, he *has been / was given* a questionnaire to complete.
- 10 All of us *has been / were* delighted.

Complete using the correct form of the words in the box.

bypass • construct • district • dwell • inner city • occupy  
populated • suburban • surroundings • urban

### ROW OVER NEW ROAD INTENSIFIES

The proposed (1) ..... around the city of Rushton has run into more controversy. The local council have been attempting to (2) ..... the road for five years now in order to ease traffic in the (3) ....., which is amongst the most densely (4) ..... areas in the country. However, residents in (5) ..... areas, on the outskirts of the city, are up in arms about the plan, which they claim would spoil the (6) .....

'We live in beautiful (7) ..... here,' commented Ada Fowler, one of those whose house (8) ..... a position next to the proposed route of the new road. 'The council have no real concept of (9) ..... planning.'

Many of those who (10) ..... in the area agree. The council were unavailable for comment.