UNIT 5 REVIEW AND MEMORY BOOSTER

Grammar

1 Complete the conversation between an interviewer (I) and an official (O). Use the correct form of the verbs in parentheses: *-ing*, the infinitive, or the base form of the verb. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.



I: The Nam Theun 2 hydroelectric power plant in Laos became operational in 2010. Did Laos start [1] _____ (see) benefits immediately?

O: Yes, very quickly. The plant has helped Laos [2] _____ (be) energy independent. We also sell electricity to Thailand. We agreed with the World Bank [3] _____ (invest) this money in health and social programs for our people.

I: And what about the environmental impact? I know the project involved [4] _____ (move) people from their homes, and also the destruction of natural forests.

O: You can't avoid [5] _____ (affect) some people's lives with something this size. But we have tried [6] _____ (minimize) the impact. It's true that the dam made some fishermen [7] _____ (give up) their old way of life, but actually, 85% of resettled people say their lives are now better. As for the forest, the government has suggested [8] _____ (use) profits from the plant to fund conservation in other parts of Laos.

2 What have been the two main benefits and problems of the Nam Theun 2 project?

3 >> MB Work in pairs. Which of these pairs of phrases mean the same thing? If they mean something different, explain the difference.

1 stop to talk / stop talking
2 begin to rain / begin raining
3 don't like to wait / don't like waiting
4 remember to mail / remember mailing

I CAN
use verbs which are followed by the gerund or the infinitive

Vocabulary

4 Circle the correct options to complete this paragraph.

Life in the city was so [1] *exotic / hectic* that we decided to move. In any case, we needed a bigger house for our two [2] *adolescents / toddlers*, who were just beginning to walk. We found a nice house in a small village, but the move fell [3] *through / down* at the last moment because the owner decided to stay. Luckily, we found another [4] *extremely / reasonably* priced house in the same area.

5 >> MB Complete these urban features using a word that rhymes with the word in parentheses.

1 sports _____ (enter)
2 pedestrian _____ (own)
3 shopping _____ (crawl)
4 green _____ (chase)

6 >> MB Work in pairs. Describe the features of a city you know, and what you like or dislike about it.

Our capital city is very nice to walk around in. Traffic is not permitted in the city center, and there are lots of green spaces.

I CAN
talk about the different features of a city

Real life

7 Use the words in the box to complete the responses (1–4) to the question below.

understand	considered	concerned	depend

What do you think of the idea to build a new sports complex downtown?

1 Well, that will _____ on what it looks like.
2 I _____ that we need some new facilities. But I just don't think we have the money.
3 I'm more _____ about the lack of green space downtown, actually.
4 I don't think the planners have really _____ where people are going to park their cars.

8 >> MB Work in small groups. Respond to this question using phrases from Exercise 7.

What do you think of the idea of closing the downtown area to all traffic?

I CAN
debate issues and respond to points other people make

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