



# 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 <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (see) benefits immediately?

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

**I:** And what about the environmental impact? I know the project involved <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (move) people from their homes, and also the destruction of natural forests.

**O:** You can't avoid <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (affect) some people's lives with something this size. But we have tried <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (minimize) the impact. It's true that the dam made some fishermen <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (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 <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (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 <sup>1</sup> *exotic / hectic* that we decided to move. In any case, we needed a bigger house for our two <sup>2</sup> *adolescents / toddlers*, who were just beginning to walk. We found a nice house in a small village, but the move fell <sup>3</sup> *through / down* at the last moment because the owner decided to stay. Luckily, we found another <sup>4</sup> *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