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Listening for comprehension

Listen to the report again. Mark the statements as true, false or not given.

1. The panels South Korea has placed on a reservoir have allowed the country to meet its renewable energy targets. _____
2. The solar panels can be seen from the air. _____
3. The flower-shaped panels are in danger of floating away. _____
4. The Green Energy Institute has said that there are many benefits to investing in floating solar power. _____
5. Residents may object to power plants being built in their area for various reasons, including tourism being damaged. _____
6. Floating solar power panels can help to avoid problems with residents. _____
7. The technology is only being adopted by Asian countries. _____

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Reading: general vocabulary

Match the words and phrases in bold with the correct definitions.

1. During the pandemic, many **clubbers** have been unable to go out as much as they used to.
 2. My city is adding more **cycle lanes** in an effort to be more eco-friendly.
 3. Some tennis players wear pieces of cloth around their heads in order to **absorb** sweat.
 4. We went camping during winter once and had to **huddle** around a fire because of the cold.
 5. Some scientists are trying to work out how to **harness** the power of the sea in order to generate energy.
 6. Having a good **ventilation** system is important if you aren't able to open your windows and doors. It can help to prevent viruses from spreading.
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- a. collect and control something so that it can be used effectively
 - b. come close together in a group, for example, to stay warm
 - c. parts of the road that only bicycles are allowed to use
 - d. people who go to nightclubs
 - e. take something in, especially gradually
 - f. the movement of fresh air around a closed space

Now, complete the short text with the correct words from Part A. You may need to change the form of the words.



My city is becoming greener every day, and I love it! I used to commute to work by car, and sometimes it would take hours. The roads were full of vehicles, and the air was thick with pollution. Offices needed to have good _____¹ systems to deal with the poor air quality. A few years ago, the local government changed, and things started to improve.

They started to add _____² and even a special type of train that _____³ the power of the sun rather than using traditional fuel. A few months ago, I sold my car, and now I walk to work instead. As well as being the healthier option, it allows me to _____⁴ the sights, sounds, and smells of the city.

On my way to the office, I can smell fresh coffee beans from the little cafés on street corners. Over the winter, I would see people _____⁵ together outside bars on my way home. Sometimes, early in the morning, I walk past _____⁶ returning to their apartments. We share a look, and I smile and remember my younger days.

Discuss these questions in pairs.

1. Has your workplace changed its **ventilation** system due to the pandemic?
2. Does your city have many **cycle lanes**? Would you rather cycle to work, or drive?

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Reading for general understanding

You are going to read a text about **strange ways of generating energy**. Scan the text quickly and match the methods mentioned with the correct heading. One method cannot be matched to any of the headings in the text and should be marked "Not given."

- a. Using leftover food material
- b. Using the power of the sun
- c. Using energy created by movement
- d. Using the power of the ocean
- e. Using something similar to a plant