

UNIT 4

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use contractions where possible.

- 1 If experts are to be believed, the world population (reach) almost ten billion by the year 2050.
- 2 If they hadn't built a factory near our village, my family (not move) house.
- 3 If I want to go shopping, I (catch) the bus from my town to Manchester. It only takes thirty minutes to get there.
- 4 If I had a dog, I (walk) it every day in our local park. It's only five minutes from my house.
- 5 If it rains heavily, the road near our house (flood) and we can't get into the nearby village.
- 6 If we don't hear from the town planners about our planned house extension soon, Dad (phone) them.
- 7 If I lived in a village, I (learn) to drive. That way, I could visit my friends.
- 8 If the bus hadn't been late, I (see) the start of the film.

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2 Complete the sentences with these words/phrases.

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- 9 I wouldn't move to the country I had to. I much prefer living in the city.
- 10 I didn't have to share a bedroom with my younger sister. She's so annoying!
- 11 I I lived near the sea. I'd walk on the beach every day.
- 12 It's really annoying there are traffic jams. It takes twice as long to get to school.
- 13 My dad's company will pay for us to move to the city he stays with the company for three years.
- 14 Can you give me your mobile number I need to phone you?
- 15 My mum is happy to move to the city the house has a big garden.

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Vocabulary

3 Complete the sentences with the correct compound nouns. The first letter of each word is given.

- 16 They are planning a new a c next to the river, with great views.
- 17 The w c were perfect for skiing. It was cold, with blue skies and the snow was powdery, not icy.
- 18 I always try to use p t when getting about the city. The bus lanes mean it's much quicker than going by car.
- 19 We got lost in the middle of the city because the t s were so confusing. My dad didn't know which way to drive so we asked someone for directions.
- 20 There aren't enough p s where people my age can meet up safely.
- 21 My grandparents live near a small village in a pretty little c c The rooms are really small, but they are charming.
- 22 The recent h c means that there are many families living in overcrowded conditions.
- 23 At the council meeting, the t p agreed the project to build a new leisure complex.

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4 Read the text and complete the gaps with one word only.

Have your say!

Do you wish you had a place to hang out with other young people in your town or city? Well, perhaps you should tell your local council. (24) a start, they may know of a place where you can meet people of a similar age. In (25) , one city council has asked for suggestions for a place that could be used (26) a centre point. (27) least you could do the same and make a real (28) to the lives of others. It's important not to have (29) of date ideas so find out what people your own age want first. And you should keep them informed of progress so that they don't (30) interest.

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Use of English

5 Read the text and complete the gaps with one word only.

An ideal park

Do you (31) there was a park for young people where you live? Well, in Boulder, Colorado, USA, people your age were asked (32) they would like to see in city parks. Top of the list was WiFi. 'I couldn't do my homework (33) there was a study space with WiFi,' said Kim. They'd also like to see more cafes (34) that they offer a wide range of food options. Young people also wanted places (35) they could create art, such as a graffiti wall. Also important were play spaces on (36) that they were for all ages, not just young children. 'I'd like to see ping-pong tables,' and 'It (37) be fantastic if there was a zip wire,' were some of the comments. They also wanted to listen to music so we showed them a park where young people could connect their own phone to a music system, hang out and dance. 'If (38) our park had one! We'd go there all the time!' Important to this age group is safety, and they asked for lighting in (39) they were in the park after dark. Lastly, water features were popular. 'If we (40) those, we could play with our younger brothers and sisters in them,' said Kelly.

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6 Read the article and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

City break: destination London

In my next school holiday, my parents are taking me on a city break to London. We'll be staying in an apartment (41), which will give us more freedom than staying in a hotel. It's close to a couple of supermarkets, which is (42) for shopping for food. It's also (43) to the centre as it's near a tube station. We're flying to Heathrow airport from where we'll catch the (44) train to the centre, then we'll take a taxi to our apartment. So what will we see? (45) a start, London is one of the best cities to visit in Europe with lots of places (46) the Natural History Museum. We're going to be (47) foot most of the time, though we will use the tube a lot too. We want to go on the London Eye at night as we've heard the views (48) your breath away. It will be my first visit to London so I want to see all the usual tourist (49), like Big Ben and Buckingham Palace. I also want to go to Westfield, which is a big shopping (50) in West London.

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| 41 A group | B site | C block | D hall |
| 42 A useless | B imposing | C handy | D urban |
| 43 A insulated | B remote | C high-speed | D well-connected |
| 44 A secure | B express | C public | D tracked |
| 45 A For | B By | C Of | D From |
| 46 A as | B because | C like | D to |
| 47 A at | B in | C onto | D on |
| 48 A take | B have | C make | D lose |
| 49 A visits | B spots | C signs | D networks |
| 50 A amenities | B station | C complex | D park |

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