

1 Read and complete.

This is an extract from an essay Talal wrote about how cities will be built in the future. Unfortunately, he didn't finish it properly. Use the words in the box to write in the missing words.

a. **underground** b. **Japanese** c. **want** d. **solve**
e. **2061** f. **cities** g. **work** h. **hospitals**

In the future, there won't (1) be enough land for the world's population. Scientists and inventors are thinking seriously about how to solve (2) this problem. One company (3) thinks that by the year 2061 (4), there will be people living on Mars. People will leave the Earth and live and work (5) on Mars. Another idea is to start building cities underground (6). Big cities (7) like Montreal in Canada already have underground shops. Why not build entire cities underground with shops, offices, schools and hospitals (8) as well as leisure and entertainment facilities?

2 Think and sort.

What do you think of the idea of living in an underground city? Sort the advantages and disadvantages for each into the columns below.

LIVING IN AN UNDERGROUND CITY	
Advantages	Disadvantages
a	

a. There will be more space. b. There won't be any daylight.
c. There won't be any wild animals, trees or birds. d. It'll be clean and there'll be no pollution.
e. The temperature won't be too hot or too cold.

Compare your ideas with a friend.

