3 Living spaces

3.1 VOCABULARY

Landscapes • prepositions describing location • describing places • collocations and compound nouns

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

1 Complete the text with townscape and landscape features in the box.

breathtaking view bridge canal
fast-flowing river historic monument
~~housing estate~~ market square shopping centre
slum waterfront restaurant

My Everyday Blog

I just had to write today about the latest urban development plans. Have you read them? They want to knock down some 200-year-old houses and use the land to build ... yes, you guessed! A *housing estate* with 100 modern homes. I know there's a shortage of housing in our town, but it's not as if they're getting rid of a [1]_____ with houses in a terrible condition – these are beautiful old buildings! And what about the old school? Surely that's a [2]_____ ? It should be turned into a museum, not destroyed!

Luckily, it's not all bad news. At the moment, the river is a real mess, but the council are finally going to clean it up. After they've removed all the rubbish, it will be a [3]_____ again, not a slow, dirty one. They're going to build a new pedestrian [4]_____ over the water so people can cross the river easily and a [5]_____ that will serve international food and be family-friendly. They're also building a new [6]_____ with over fifty shops, mostly for clothes.

So what do you think? Comment below!

These new houses will spoil the area completely. There's a [7]_____ from the top of the hill looking down over the town at the moment, which people come from all over to see ... but soon it'll just be rows of houses. I think they should build the development on the other side of town.

I've heard they want to build a [8]_____ so boats can go right through the town centre. Is that true? I hope not! We don't live in Venice!

The shopping centre is a terrible idea. Now everyone goes to the shops round the old [9]_____ , and we have a busy town centre. If people start to shop by the river instead, many places in the centre may end up closing, which would be a disaster!

WORD STORE 3A | Prepositions describing location

2 Choose the correct option.

Turn right (at) / **in** / **on** the roundabout.

1 We live **at** / **in** / **on** the coast near Dover.
2 Luckily, I live **in** / **within** / **by** walking distance of the town centre so I never take the bus.
3 We often play football **at** / **on** / **in** the park.
4 The local shops are **at** / **in** / **within** easy reach of our house, they're only five minutes away.
5 It's easy to get to the countryside because we live **at** / **on** / **in** the outskirts of town.
6 We don't live **at** / **on** / **in** the suburbs, we live **at** / **on** / **in** the city centre.
7 You can get lots of tourist information **at** / **on** / **in** the town hall.
8 My school is **in** / **within** / **at** 500 metres of my house so it doesn't take long to get there.

WORD STORE 3B | Describing places

3 Circle the word that does NOT collocate with the adjective given.

	urban	area / space / (town) / development
1	quaint	space / backstreet / town / neighbourhood
2	bustling	market / square / nightlife / streets
3	shabby	building / city centre / architecture / house
4	vibrant	square / atmosphere / nightlife / colours
5	medieval	architecture / colours / castle / centre
6	picturesque	old town / scenery / village / development

4 Read the extracts from city guides and choose the correct answers A–C.

Brazil's cities combine some of South America's most beautiful beaches with vibrant culture and *B* streets.

Get lost in the quaint little [1]__ of Seville's Santa Cruz district.

Many of Amsterdam's budget hotels are located in the [2]__ area close to Central Station.

Visit the [3]__ old town in Lisbon and enjoy its many wonderful buildings.

Bilbao's centre has undergone huge urban [4]__ and is now home to the Guggenheim Museum.

For [5]__ architecture, visit Carcassonne in France. The town is built on a hillside, surrounding an old castle.

Ibiza's [6]__ nightlife includes some of the largest and most famous nightclubs in the world.

	A inner	(B) bustling	C nightlife
1	A backstreets	B cities	C nightlife
2	A square	B urban	C neighbourhood
3	A urban	B building	C picturesque
4	A scenery	B development	C neighbourhood
5	A medieval	B shabby	C quaint
6	A delicious	B charming	C vibrant

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WORD STORE 3C | In the city

5 Match the beginnings of the sentences with the endings.

The city centre is great for biking because there are a lot of cycle (f)

1 There's a pedestrian ( )
2 In the old town there are plenty of cobbled ( )
3 Bangkok isn't a quiet city, there's noise ( )
4 There isn't any on-street ( )
5 The town is surrounded by rolling ( )
6 When I go into the city centre, I leave my car in an underground ( )
7 I don't drive in the city because there's a reliable ( )
8 We live in the suburbs so I have a short daily ( )

a parking where I live, so I leave my car at my parents' house.
b car park while I go shopping.
c zone where no cars are allowed.
d streets which make it picturesque.
e commute to my office in the city centre.
f lanes that you can use.
g hills where you can go hiking.
h pollution day and night.
i network of buses and trams.

6 Complete the text with the words in the box.

cobbled lanes network on-street rolling ~~underground~~ zones

WHERE ON EARTH?

Have you visited somewhere interesting? We'd like to hear about it. Post your comments below:

York, England

York is about halfway between London and Edinburgh and it's a fascinating place to visit. We left our car in an *underground* car park and explored the city on foot because there is very little [1] _____ parking in the centre. It's a very bike-friendly city and there are many cycle [2] _____. There are also some car-free pedestrian [3] _____.

The city was built by the Romans and within the ancient walls there are some traditional [4] _____ streets (rather bumpy for cyclists!) with medieval buildings. The centre is quaint and picturesque, but there are plenty of modern shops, thirty world-class museums as well as the beautiful Minster (the cathedral).

When you've had enough of the city, there's plenty more to explore – York is surrounded by the [5] _____ hills of the Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors, with a reliable [6] _____ of buses to get there. It's definitely worth a visit!

SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

7 Complete each pair of sentences with the correct words A–C.

1 That book up there on the shelf is just out of my __. Could you pass it to me?
School's not far away, it's within easy __.
A access B distance C reach

2 The nightlife is great, but it creates a lot of noise __.
__ is a serious environmental problem in big cities.
A parking B pollution C contamination

3 There's a __ atmosphere in the town centre.
All the fishing boats on the island are painted __ colours.
A vibrant B bustling C picturesque

4 I use the train for my __ commute to work.
It's a __ newspaper, so there's a new edition every morning.
A short B regular C daily

5 There's a children's play area in our local __ that we often go to.
Let's leave the car in the new underground car __ while we have lunch.
A zone B parking C park

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8 Find and correct the mistakes in the sentences.

There's a ~~relying~~ bus network in our town. *reliable*

1 Would you rather live in a busy city centre or on the suburbs where it's quieter? _____
2 The centre of Amsterdam is great for cyclists because there are plenty of cycling lanes.
_____
3 We visited a lovely market town at the border of England and Wales. _____
4 Although I haven't lived there for a long time, Dundee is my house town – I was born there and often go back to visit family. _____
5 Our town attracts a lot of tourists – it's full of quaint backstreets and historical monuments.
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