1 Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

housing   unemployment   sanitation   healthcare
network   media   evasion   poverty

A: Have you seen the news? The ¹_____ figures have gone up. There are now 2 million people without jobs. And the government is cutting the ²_____ budget, so we'll have to wait longer to get an appointment with the doctor.

B: Well, it's not as bad as some other countries, where there is real ³_____. You know, where people have no money and children are dying of hunger.

A: I suppose we do have enough to eat and decent ⁴_____ so we don't have diseases like cholera. But I can't stand the corruption here. Another politician has been accused of tax ⁵_____. I don't know why he can't pay like the rest of us!

B: You're right. And did you see the report on the latest ⁶_____ situation? There aren't enough houses for people living in the city but they can't build outside the metropolitan area because they haven't got the rail ⁷_____ to enable everyone to get to work.

A: They never seem to plan in advance! What's more, the ⁸_____ manipulate the information according to the political party they support, so I never know who to believe.

B: I know. Perhaps you shouldn't watch TV anymore!

2 Match descriptions 1–6 with issues a)–h). There are two

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