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 extra issues.

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