VOCABULARY: Urban problems

Use the clues to complete the crossword puzzle.

ACROSS

3 Factories can cause _____ in the water.

5 Old candy wrappers and used tissues are _____ .

7 We all want to breathe clean _____ .

8 If something burns, it makes _____ .

9 A picture spray-painted on the wall of a building is called _____ .

DOWN

1 There is not a lot of open _____ in big cities. It's all covered by buildings and roads.

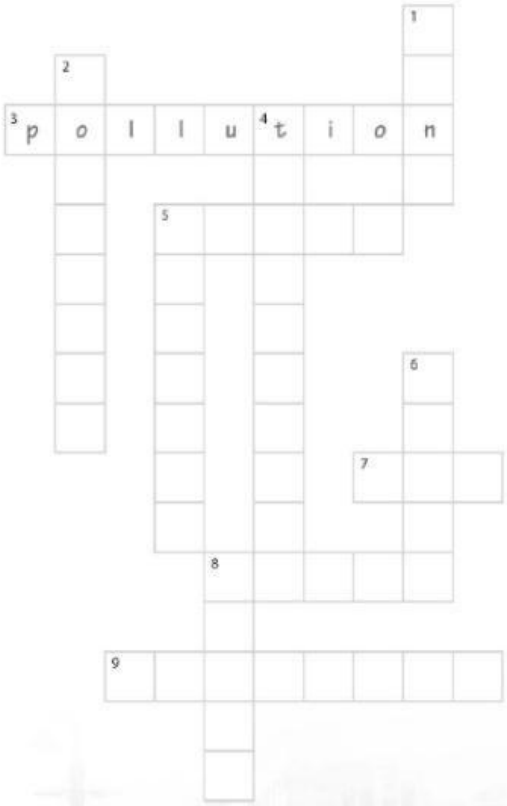
2 Sidewalks are made of _____ .

4 In a _____ , cars move very slowly or not at all.

5 There is a lot of _____ on the roads when everyone is on their way to work.

6 Big cities are not usually quiet – there is a lot of _____ .

8 City apartments are usually small because there isn't a lot of _____ for big apartments.



Put each word in the box in the correct place in the chart.

~~air~~	car	graffiti	noise	road	space	train
~~building~~	concrete	highway	office	sidewalk	traffic	trash
bus	color	land	pollution	smoke	traffic jam	tree

Count nouns	Noncount nouns
building	air

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Choose all of the adverbs that you can use with each verb or verb phrase.

1 speak

- ☐ angrily
- ☐ clearly
- ☐ completely
- ☐ loudly
- ☐ politely
- ☐ safely

2 drive

- ☐ angrily
- ☐ clearly
- ☐ correctly
- ☐ dangerously
- ☐ loudly
- ☐ safely

3 play the piano

- ☐ beautifully
- ☐ completely
- ☐ correctly
- ☐ dangerously
- ☐ loudly
- ☐ safely

4 explain something

- ☐ calmly
- ☐ clearly
- ☐ completely
- ☐ correctly
- ☐ politely
- ☐ safely

5 answer a question

- ☐ calmly
- ☐ clearly
- ☐ completely
- ☐ correctly
- ☐ dangerously
- ☐ politely

Circle the correct words to complete the sentences.

1 If there *won't be / aren't* any trash cans in the city, people *will throw / throw* their garbage on the street.
2 When there *is / will be* a lot of trash on the street, a city *looks / will look* ugly.
3 The city *looks / will look* great in the summer *if / when* we clean it up now.
4 When it *is / will be* hot outside, the trash *starts / starting* to smell bad.
5 People *move / will move* away if we *will take / don't take* care of our city.
6 If the city *will get / gets* more polluted than it is now, visitors *don't want / won't want* to come here.

Match the sentence halves. Then write *P* after the present real sentences and *F* after the future real sentences.

1 If you don't write clearly, b
2 If you speak angrily, ____
3 If you drive safely, ____
4 If you drive dangerously, ____
5 If you answer the test questions completely, ____
6 If you speak politely, ____
7 If people play their music loudly, ____

a you will probably get an A on the test. ____
b the teacher won't be able to read your writing. F
c people will want to listen to you. ____
d no one wants to hear what you have to say. ____
e you might injure yourself or someone else. ____
f their neighbors get upset. ____
g you don't have accidents. ____

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Complete the conversations with the sentences in the boxes.

Conversation 1

Are you all right?	What a relief!	Is anything wrong?

A [1] _____

B I had a terrible night last night. My apartment building caught on fire.

A Oh no! [2] _____

B Yeah, the fire was pretty bad, but I'm OK. My neighbors are all right, too.

A [3] _____

Conversation 2

That's such a relief!	I'm glad to hear that.	I was really worried.	Is everyone OK?

A Hey, I heard there was an earthquake near you last night. [4] _____

B Thanks for calling. Yeah, we're all OK.

A [5] _____ Did your house get damaged?

B No, it's fine. A few things fell off of shelves, but that's all.

A [6] _____ [7] _____

Imagine that you are describing the situations to someone. Write sentences with *though*.

1 Your bus crashed. You all had to stay on the bus for an hour. No one was hurt.
My bus crashed, and we all had to stay on the bus for an hour. No one was hurt, though.

2 You fell on an icy sidewalk. You scratched your leg. You didn't break it.
_____

3 You cut your hand. It looked bad. You didn't have to go to the hospital.
_____

4 A lot of people got sick from eating bad shrimp at your office party. You didn't get sick. You didn't have any shrimp.
_____

5 You got lost on your vacation. You had a great time. You met some nice people.
_____

Put the conversations in order.

Conversation 1

B I'm fine. My bike is broken, though. ____

A That's a relief. ____

B Yeah, I just need to buy some new parts. ____

A Are you all right? I heard you had a bicycle accident. ____

A Oh no! Can you fix it? ____

Conversation 2

B Why? What happened? ____

A I saw an ambulance in front of your house today. Is anything wrong? ____

B No, we're fine. ____

A None of us was hurt. The ambulance driver is in trouble, though. ____

B He drove to the wrong house! ____

A What a relief! I was really worried. ____

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A **Read the comment by a podcast listener, Opinionzzz. Check (✓) the problems that he writes about. Circle the ones that Steve and Teresa already mentioned.**

Opinionzzz wrote:

I hope we never have flying cars of any kind. I think even flying ambulances are a bad idea. Why? Well, first of all, if everyone is flying cars in the sky, we'll have traffic jams in the air! And imagine a car accident in the air – flying car parts might fall onto people on the ground. People in the flying cars might even fall out!

Second, we already have a lot of air pollution. I think that flying cars would create more of it. The air in big cities would be horrible.

Third, cars break down all the time. When your car breaks down, you just pull over to the side of the road. What will you do if your car breaks down in the air? Your car would probably just fall to the ground. That might destroy your car and even hurt someone else … or worse.

I definitely don't think we should have flying cars. Let's find other ways to get ambulances to people more quickly.

- ☐ flying too fast
- ☐ traffic in the sky
- ☐ expensive cost of cars
- ☐ cars breaking down
- ☐ falling out of the sky
- ☐ too much noise
- ☐ air pollution
- ☐ being afraid of flying

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