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Vocabulary Features of city life

1 Complete the paragraphs with the words and phrases in the box.

area cycle paths flats local (x2) location neighbours night life
pollution public transport traffic

Ellen

I live in the UK in an ¹ _____ of Birmingham called Moseley. It's in a great ² _____ because it's close to the city centre and the countryside. There are many delicious restaurants to eat at, and there are a lot of small, ³ _____ shops. You can buy so many interesting types of clothes there! One great thing about Birmingham is that there are a lot of parks. The bad thing about Birmingham is that there is a lot of ⁴ _____. Sometimes it takes an hour to drive two miles through the city centre!

**Andrew**

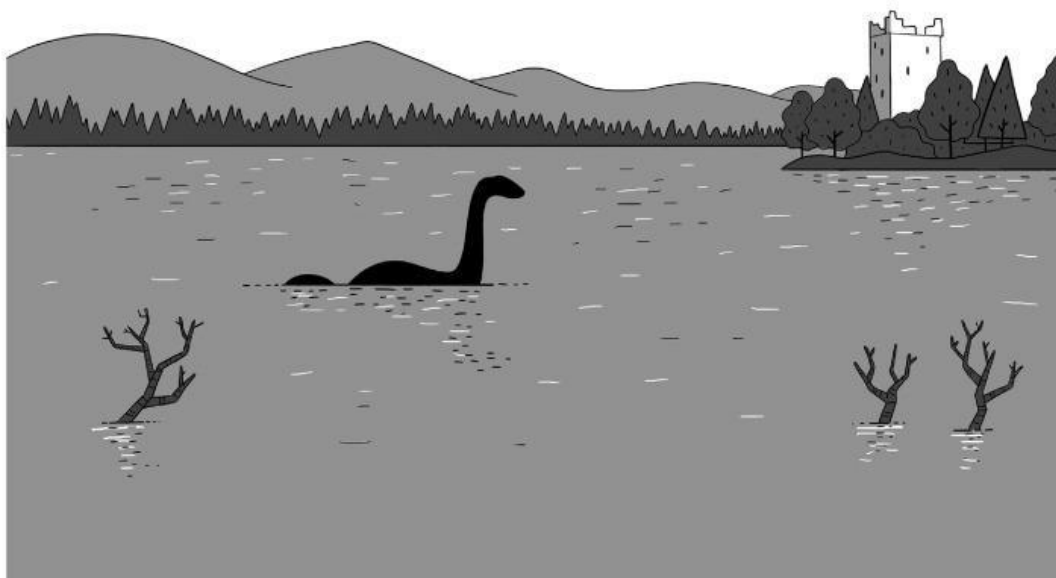
Where I live, we don't have much ⁵ _____ – the air is very clean because there are no factories and there is a lot of space. My house is in the countryside in Canada. There are no ⁶ _____ here because most people live in big houses on farms with animals. It's a great place to ride your bike, too. There are lots of ⁷ _____ and you can see some beautiful places on your bike. Another thing I love about where I live is that we know our ⁸ _____ very well. Everybody talks to each other here – it's the perfect place to live!

Olga

I live in the centre of the best city in Europe, Budapest! You can find everything here. There are great hospitals and schools, and the ⁹ _____ is amazing because we have buses, trams, a metro and trains. One of the best things about the city is the ¹⁰ _____. Lots of clubs, cafes and restaurants stay open until very late. My ¹¹ _____ area has lots of activities for people to do: tennis, swimming, badminton. Budapest is a great place to live!



1 Complete the story with the past continuous or past simple form of the verbs in brackets.



In August last year, I ¹ _____ (travelling) around Scotland with a friend of mine for a month. In Fort William we ² _____ (stay) with an old friend of ours from university and he ³ _____ (talk) to us about Loch Ness, which is a lake that is famous because some people believe a monster called Nessie lives in it.

We ⁴ _____ (decide) to go there the next day. While we ⁵ _____ (drive), we ⁶ _____ (see) a lot of beautiful trees and mountains. Finally, after an hour, we ⁷ _____ (travel) beside Loch Ness. It ⁸ _____ (look) like a big black mirror.

Soon we ⁹ _____ (stop) at the Loch Ness Visitor Centre. It ¹⁰ _____ (be) very busy, and lots of tourists ¹¹ _____ (take) pictures in front of the lake. We ¹² _____ (buy) some lunch and we ate it outside while we ¹³ _____ (wait) for an organised tour to start.

But then, while I ¹⁴ _____ (look) at the water, I ¹⁵ _____ (see) something moving. My friend ¹⁶ _____ (stand) opposite me, so the lake was behind her, and she didn't see it.

I quickly ¹⁷ _____ (run) to the water to see what it was, but when I ¹⁸ _____ (get) closer, it was gone.

Was it Nessie? I will never know for sure.

1 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 I love going to Jamaica on holiday ... d
 - 2 Last night it was raining, ...
 - 3 I think we need to stop for lunch now ...
 - 4 I want to go shopping ...
 - 5 It was getting late, ...
 - 6 He turned around ...
 - 7 The baby was crying, ...
 - 8 I used to walk in the forest ...
 - 9 I'm excited to see Evan tonight ...
 - 10 Every summer I go to Ireland for a month ...
 - 11 We've been to Paris four times ...
 - 12 There is too much pollution in cities ...
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- a ... because I'm really hungry!
 - b ... to visit the Louvre and other museums.
 - c ... so Mary gave her a toy.
 - d ... because it is usually hot and sunny.
 - e ... because he heard a strange noise.
 - f ... because I haven't seen him in a long time.
 - g ... to buy some new clothes for summer.
 - h ... to relax when I felt stressed.
 - i ... so we took a taxi to the restaurant.
 - j ... so we went to bed.
 - k ... so we should take public transport and drive less.
 - l ... to stay with my grandparents.

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I love reading (read) books.
- 2 My sister always wants _____ (spend) time with her friends after school.
- 3 My best friend likes _____ (drink) tea with biscuits.
- 4 I enjoy _____ (watch) football when I have time.
- 5 My cousin would like _____ (ride) her new bike this weekend.
- 6 Beth enjoys _____ (relax) in front of the television after work.
- 7 My dad hates _____ (eat) sweets because they're bad for his teeth.
- 8 I want _____ (become) a doctor so I have to study hard.
- 9 My sister enjoys _____ (swim) at the weekend.
- 10 We want _____ (travel) to Australia this summer.
- 11 My mum doesn't mind _____ (go) to the cinema, but she prefers watching films at home.
- 12 John would like _____ (go) to more sports games in his free time.

2 Choose the correct alternatives.

- 1 Frankie really *enjoys/ would like* cooking because she thinks it's relaxing.
- 2 My sister *doesn't hate/ doesn't mind* travelling by plane, but she prefers travelling by train.
- 3 Ben loves *play/ playing* hockey. He plays with his team three times a week.
- 4 My parents want *going/ to go* travelling next year. They are thinking about going to Mexico.
- 5 My mum doesn't like *watch/ watching* funny films. She prefers dramas.
- 6 We *don't want/ don't enjoy* to watch tomorrow's football match with our dad because he always shouts at the TV.