

A Pronunciation

1 Choose the correct letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation.

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| 1. A. <u>bea</u> r | B. <u>nea</u> r | C. <u>wea</u> r | D. <u>pea</u> r |
| 2. A. <u>slow</u> ly | B. <u>downto</u> wn | C. <u>powe</u> r | D. <u>crowd</u> ed |
| 3. A. <u>coa</u> st | B. <u>uploa</u> d | C. <u>abroa</u> d | D. <u>road</u> side |
| 4. A. <u>h</u> ome | B. <u>shopp</u> ing | C. <u>com</u> b | D. <u>loc</u> ate |
| 5. A. <u>double</u> | B. <u>counci</u> l | C. <u>southea</u> st | D. <u>thousa</u> nd |

2 Write the words under the pictures, starting with the given letters.



1. u _____



2. a _____



3. d _____



4. c _____



5. sq _____



6. c _____

Now write the words in the appropriate column.

/aʊ/	/əʊ/	/eə/

B Vocabulary & Grammar

1 Choose the correct option A, B, C, or D to complete each sentence.

- The city is now a big _____ site with many half-finished buildings.
A. waste B. tourist C. storage D. construction
- The town is overcrowded and lacks public _____.
A. health B. amenities C. education D. places
- I used to live in the _____ area, but I moved to a quiet suburb two years ago.
A. downtown B. underground C. outskirts D. village

4. The _____ system runs underground, so it doesn't encounter road congestion.
A. bus B. coach C. metro D. taxi
5. This city looks like a _____ jungle with ugly buildings and almost no parks.
A. green B. loveable C. tropical D. concrete
6. I live in a _____ street which is full of people and vehicles moving around all day.
A. quiet B. bustling C. calm D. empty
7. Bangkok has an excellent _____ system which runs on a railway above the ground.
A. sky train B. underground C. ferry D. taxi
8. Many people compliment Ha Noi on being a _____ tourist destination.
A. dusty B. noisy C. safe D. polluted

2 Complete the following tasks.

a. Choose the option which is CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word / phrase in each sentence.

1. She browsed the shop but didn't buy anything. She found it a bit pricey.
A. crowded B. modern C. attractive D. expensive
2. The underground was packed with people. I couldn't find a seat.
A. full on B. empty of C. full of D. convenient for
3. Her team is carrying out a project to recycle food waste.
A. running B. proposing C. funding D. aiming

b. Choose the option which is OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word / phrase in each sentence.

4. Neither Lan nor Hoa stayed home alone last weekend. They went to the shopping mall together.
A. hung out with one another B. came down with one another
C. got rid of one another D. looked up to one another
5. Hoa: I never use buses when getting around. They are always late.
Jack: Well, it's not that bad. They are reliable now.
A. on time B. late C. timely D. terrible

3 Complete the text with the words and phrases from the box.

construction sites
public amenities

concrete jungle
polluted

liveable
security

I live in a coastal town. It used to be a beautiful and (1) _____ place. Now, it's a (2) _____. All we have are big and ugly buildings. There will be even more buildings because (3) _____ are everywhere. The beaches are (4) _____. Pickpockets happen frequently. I think the local government should invest in better (5) _____ such as parks and sports facilities. They should also clean up the beach and increase the (6) _____ in the town.

4 Write the correct forms of the adjectives in brackets.

1. The (busy) _____ the street is, the less I like it. I hate noisy places.
2. The later it gets at night, the (cold) _____ it becomes.
3. The (light) _____ the street was, the (safe) _____ I felt.
4. The (crowded) _____ the bus got, the more difficult it was for me to breathe.
5. I fear that the more modern city life is, the (friendly) _____ people are to one another.
6. (close) _____ it gets to pick-up time, (difficult) _____ traffic around the school becomes.
7. I think that (expensive) _____ a restaurant is, (good) _____ its service is.
8. (far) _____ the community sports centre is, (convenient) _____ it is for me to go there.

5 Circle a mistake in each sentence below and correct it.

1. Safer a city is, the more liveable it becomes.
A B C D
2. Our city is age-friendly. We make it easy for the elderly to get along by public transport.
A B C D
3. The bigger the shopping mall is, the attractive it is to teenagers.
A B C D
4. Although people wanted to carry out with the project, the company stopped funding it.
A B C D
5. The local authority tried to cut on private car use but they didn't succeed.
A B C D
6. The closer an area is to the downtown, denser its population is.
A B C D
7. Many teens prefer hanging in at shopping malls to outdoor places.
A B C D
8. Hoang is coming up with a fever. The more time that passes, the higher his temperature is.
A B C D

1 Choose the most suitable response A, B, C, or D to complete each of the following exchanges.

1. Minh: I can lend you this book if you are interested in reading it.

Peter: _____

- A. You did a great job!
- B. Thanks. I prefer going by bus.
- C. I didn't know you like reading books.
- D. Thanks. I'll take good care of it.

2. Hoa: Ms Mai won't come back until noon. Would you like me to leave a note for her?

Ms Hoai: _____

- A. Sorry. I can't find my notes.
- B. That's great. Thanks for your help.
- C. Why would you like to leave?
- D. How about leaving her alone?

3. Harry: Oh no! I missed the bus to the underground.

Mr Lam: _____

- A. You're excellent. Congratulations!
- B. Your friends will miss you a lot.
- C. The underground is much faster than the bus.
- D. Don't worry. I can take you to the station.

4. James: _____

Chloe: Yes, please. That's so kind of you.

- A. Excuse me. Can I sit here?
- B. Do you commute to work every day?
- C. I can show you how this smart card works.
- D. Would you mind taking this book to Ms Hoa's office?

5. Ann: _____

Hoang: Would you like me to get a taxi for you?

- A. The tram is late today.
- B. The Melbourne tram is great.
- C. The sky train is always on time.
- D. A taxi can get stuck in traffic congestion.

2

Elena and Hoa are talking about some cities. Choose A - E to complete their conversation. Then practise it with a friend.

Elena: I wish I could live in Da Lat. It's such a healthy place to live.

Hoa: (1) _____

Elena: Yeah. And I think the local authority does a great job. They keep the streets clean.

Hoa: It looks that way. (2) _____

Elena: Well, it's a nice place. The best thing about living there is that shopping is convenient. I can buy almost everything I need.

Hoa: (3) _____

Elena: But we need some better restaurants. There are too many fast-food restaurants in the town. I prefer healthier food.

Hoa: (4) _____. Da Lat has great vegetables.

Elena: Thanks. I'd love to. (5) _____

- A. Sounds like a nice place!
- B. I like the fresh air here. I guess it's because there are no factories around.
- C. Hey, I can take you to a vegetable hotpot restaurant if you like.
- D. There isn't a lot of trash all over the place. How about your home town?
- E. That's so kind of you.