



LOOKING BACK

Vocabulary

1 Choose the correct answer to complete each sentence below.

- It takes Jane 30 minutes to travel from her house in the **suburbs** / **downtown** to her office in the city centre.
- Minh prefers the **metro** / **sky train**. He finds it more comfortable to go underground than above the ground.
- The city centre is now packed with high buildings. It looks like an ugly **public amenity** / **concrete jungle**.
- He loves the nightlife of his city. He thinks that it is **lively** / **noisy**.
- Ho Chi Minh City is a **slow** / **bustling** city. It is always full of activities.

2 Fill in each gap with a word from the box to complete the passage.

congestion peaceful safe
liveable itchy



Mia lives in a small town. In the past, there were not many people living in the town, so it was rather quiet and (1) _____. Nowadays, it is totally different.

The more crowded the town is, the less (2) _____ it becomes. Crime rates are increasing quickly. Moreover, many car



drivers don't obey traffic rules, so they indirectly cause traffic (3) _____. Construction sites are everywhere in the town.

- The dust and dirt from these sites have caused many problems for people's health, for example (4) _____ eyes, runny noses, and acne. All these things make Mia feel that her town is not as (5) _____ as before.

Grammar

3 Complete the sentences with the particles in the box.

out (x2) down with
down on away

- People are throwing _____ tons of food each year. This is such a waste!
- The shopping mall is a popular place for teens to hang _____ with one another these days.
- The city council wants to cut _____ construction noise by 20% in the next five years.
- The researchers carried _____ a study about people's attitudes towards their cities.
- Many people come _____ the flu in winter.

4 Find a grammar mistake in each sentence and correct it.

- The dirtier the air gets, more difficult it is for people to breathe.
- My brother likes to get up the city by bike, but I prefer using public transport.
- Nearer the school is, the more convenient it is for the students.
- She came up with a cold after walking in the heavy rain.
- The more slow the Internet is, the angrier the users get.