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2 Match each of the planning steps below to one of the paragraphs (A–C).

Introduction (paragraph 1): write one sentence to introduce what the graph shows.

Key information and details (paragraph 2): describe two main things, for example, the world trend between 1950 and 2030, what you notice about this trend, and give details to support this.

Conclusion (paragraph 3): describe the increase predicted for Africa and Asia, and compare it to the leading continent in 2030.

A Between 1950 and 2030, the proportion of the world's population residing in cities is expected to **double**, growing from 29% to 60%. However, this rate is less **marked** in some continents than others. For example, 64% of the population of North America was urban in 1950, increasing to 79% by 2007. **By contrast**, just 17% of the Asian population was urban in 1950, but this rose to 41% by 2007. This represents one of the highest urbanisation rates in the world, even though the percentage of Asians in urban areas was still smaller than the world average. It is also clear from the graph that urbanisation in Latin America is projected to be higher than Europe in 2030 **in spite of** being lower in 1950.

B **Overall**, North America remains the continent with the highest urbanisation percentage in the past, present and future. However, the number of people living in urban areas in continents like Africa and Asia has increased and is expected to continue to to increase at a higher rate.

C The bar chart **illustrates** the urbanisation percentage of the world in 1950 and compares this with the percentage in 2007 and the **projected** percentage for 2030.