5c Sustainable development?

Listening **eco-cities**

1 1.41 Read the sentences about eco-cities in China. Then listen to the interview with an architect. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

1 China is a focus for eco-cities because it has so many new cities.
2 If you have the support of politicians, building an eco-city is relatively simple.
3 Construction workers already have the skills needed to build eco-cities.
4 Electric vehicles are favoured in eco-cities.
5 An eco-city must import as little energy, food and water from outside as possible.

Glossary
pipe dream (n) /'paɪp dri:m/ a fantasy that will never become reality
political will (n) /pə'lɪtɪk(ə)l wɪl/ the support of politicians
skyway (n) /'skaɪweɪ/ a road in the air
UV light (n) /'ju:vi: laɪt/ ultra-violet light

2 1.41 Listen to the interview again and complete the facts.

1 Number of Chinese cities of one million-plus inhabitants by 2025: _____.
2 In an eco-city there can be no _____.
3 Chinese saying: 'Anything is _____, but nothing is _____.'
4 People who need to coordinate efforts: planners, architects, _____ firms and local _____ interests.
5 Another important consideration is the _____ that go into the building.
6 The layout should encourage people to _____ to work.
7 Transportation must be _____.
8 No energy should be _____.
9 Rain water is collected and made safe using _____ light.
10 Vegetables are grown in large _____.

Word focus *pick*

3 Look at the phrases with the word *pick*. Choose the correct definition.

1 There's no shortage of good designs and clever ideas out there – you can **take your pick**.
a relax b choose from many
c study them in your own time

2 Can I just **pick up on** something we mentioned earlier, which is the question on waste?
a question b highlight c return to

3 The other difficulty is **picking your way through** all the bureaucracy and regulations.
a examining b being very careful with
c finding a route through

4 Complete the sentences using the appropriate phrase with *pick* from the list below.

take your pick pick holes in pick on
pick up (x2) pick your brains

1 I don't know why you always _____ me to do these boring administrative jobs!
2 The restaurant has been very quiet, but business will _____ in the spring.
3 Can you _____ me _____ from the train station at 5.30?
4 I don't mind which desk you sit at – _____.
5 There are always people who will try to _____ a new eco-solution or idea and tell you why it isn't ecological.
6 Can I _____ about a venue for my parents' 25th wedding anniversary?

5 Pronunciation **antepenultimate stress**

a 1.42 Often in words of three or more syllables, the stress falls on the third syllable from the end. Listen to the stress in these words and repeat.

photograph photographer analyse
analysis analytical

b 1.43 Underline the stressed syllable in these words. Then listen, check and repeat.

architect architectural electricity
energy generate material minimise
political sustainable sustainability

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