

### 1 Complete the sentences with the word anagrams in the box.

ngir oadr      dēdanpeiestrīds      dicteerl  
 ptnrasotr nksli      nsdleeypptdeouale      mussl  
 neger ceassp      hgrseiih-

- 1 Oxford city centre is pedestrianised, so people can walk around without worrying about the traffic.
- 2 Tokyo is one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ cities in the world with a population of around 14 million.
- 3 Taipei has a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ where you can do outdoor activities such as hiking or cycling.
- 4 Amsterdam has several very important \_\_\_\_\_ including Schiphol international airport and the central train station.
- 5 The M25 is the \_\_\_\_\_ which you can use to travel more easily around the outskirts of London.
- 6 Nowadays, \_\_\_\_\_ buildings are getting taller and taller.
- 7 In some cities, the \_\_\_\_\_ are very close to wealthy suburbs, so the contrast is very obvious.
- 8 Converting these \_\_\_\_\_ buildings into shopping centres is the most effective use of the space.

### 2 Match the sentence beginnings (1–8) and endings (A–K). There are three extra endings.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 I'm afraid I've hit <u>A</u> ..</li> <li>2 You're having live music? Wow! Your parents are really going to .....</li> <li>3 Tom and I had a huge argument and I think I've burned .....</li> <li>4 My Dad spent all day working on that report so, unsurprisingly, he hit .....</li> <li>5 I've only been coming here for six months but I really feel .....</li> <li>6 The more women that are successful in this company, the easier it will be to break .....</li> <li>7 When you start your career the most important things are to have a roof .....</li> <li>8 Tina and I only met last month but we get on like .....</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A a brick wall, I can't think how to finish the story.</li> <li>B the glass ceiling, so I hope you will join us.</li> <li>C over your head and a steady job.</li> <li>D the roof when there was a power cut and he lost all his work.</li> <li>E town with their plans for your birthday party.</li> <li>F a house on fire because we have a lot of things in common.</li> <li>G at home now. I know where everything is and what I'm supposed to do.</li> <li>H my bridges with him, I don't think he'll speak to me again.</li> <li>I in stone and I can't change it.</li> <li>J the glass ceiling, so I hope you will join us.</li> <li>K the roof when there was a power cut and he lost all his work.</li> </ol> |
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### 3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of some of the idioms in Exercise 3.

- 1 This is our new puppy and as you can see he feels at home lying there on the sofa!
- 2 These are the house rules but nothing is \_\_\_\_\_, if you don't agree with something feel free to discuss it with us.
- 3 I'm paying a lot for these piano lessons, but you never practise so the money is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 I think we've \_\_\_\_\_, I can't see how to continue at the moment. I need some inspiration.
- 5 Mum \_\_\_\_\_ last night because I got home two hours late, so I can't go out tonight.
- 6 Can we \_\_\_\_\_ with the decorations this year? I want to have lots of streamers and balloons.
- 7 Jim and Nick \_\_\_\_\_, don't they? What do they talk about all the time?
- 8 Margaret Thatcher \_\_\_\_\_ in politics when she became the first female Prime Minister in the UK.

### 4 Complete the text with the words in the box. There are three extra words.

going to town      green spaces      high-rise  
 hit a brick wall      hit the roof      open-minded  
 pedestrianised      realistically      ring roads  
 suburb      transport links      urban sprawl

Nowadays, local and national governments are having to protect <sup>1</sup> green spaces on the city outskirts from being turned into <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. However, with larger and larger populations this is often difficult. <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ buildings are an effective way of using space efficiently and buildings are becoming taller and taller. However, city space is still in high demand, as the need for more roads and other <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ increases. Some governments appear to have <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ regarding new ideas to keep the traffic moving freely. While others are <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ with innovative ideas such as smart road systems and new <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ that take the traffic away from the city centre. <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, this is a problem with no easy solution and everyone will need to be <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to potential solutions.

### 1

- 2 densely populated
- 3 green spaces
- 4 transport links
- 5 ring road
- 6 high-rise
- 7 slums
- 8 derelict

### 2

- 2 E
- 3 H
- 4 K
- 5 G
- 6 J
- 7 C
- 8 F

### 3

- 2 set in stone
- 3 going down the drain
- 4 hit a brick wall
- 5 hit the roof
- 6 go to town
- 7 get on like a house on fire
- 8 broke the glass ceiling

### 4

- 2 urban sprawl
- 3 High-rise
- 4 transport links
- 5 hit a brick wall
- 6 going to town
- 7 ring roads
- 8 Realistically
- 9 open-minded