

7A Vocabulary

Describing life in cities

Activity A

With a partner, write eight collocations using words in the circle. Use each word only once.



Activity B

Complete the text using the collocations from Activity A.



Once upon a time, Witcombe was a quiet, ¹ _____, but there has been significant ² _____ over the last 20 to 30 years with more shops and offices moving into the area. As a result, the increase in cars and buses has meant that ³ _____ has got worse and worse, and with it, there are dangerously high levels of ⁴ _____ in Witcombe Parade.

Now the ⁵ _____ are fighting back. They have put forward a scheme that will aim to improve the situation for everyone living in or passing through the Parade. It will require improvements in ⁶ _____ in order to get people out of their cars and onto buses; restrictions on lorries using the road, and at the same time, the removal of ⁷ _____ so that fewer motorists are able to stop there for long periods. They believe that these changes will mean a significant improvement in the ⁸ _____ for local people and visitors.

Activity C

Think about your answers to the questions below, and make notes if necessary. Then work in small groups and compare your opinions.

HAVE YOUR SAY

If public transport was better in your town, would it reduce traffic congestion and air pollution?
 Who should have more power in a town: local government, or local residents? Why?
 Would a reduction of parking spaces in your town be a good idea? Would it encourage motorists to walk and use public transport instead?
 What are the problems of excessive urban development? Do you have these problems where you live? If so, what can be done about it?
 Which changes to the place where you live would improve most people's quality of life?