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VOCABULARY

1 Read the definitions and complete the word or phrase. Some letters have been given to help you.

- 1 an area where traffic is not allowed
p _ _ es _ r _ _ i _ _ d
- 2 an area on the edge of a city where people live
_ u _ u _ b
- 3 a tall building with many floors
h _ _ _ - r _ _ _
- 4 in bad condition; not cared for
d _ r _ _ _ t
- 5 spread of a city often without planning
u _ _ _ n s _ _ _ w _
- 6 with many people living close together
d _ _ _ e _ y p _ _ l _ _ _ d
- 7 areas with trees and plants
_ _ ee _ sp _ _ _ s
- 8 poor and crowded areas in a city
_ l _ m _

2 Complete the idioms and add them to the correct sentence in the correct form.

hit a _____ wall

_____ the roof

have a _____ over your head

set in _____

_____ to town

break the _____ ceiling

feel at _____

burn your _____

- 1 We can make changes if we need to. The timetable isn't _____.
- 2 Mr Armstrong _____ when the children smashed his greenhouse with their ball.
- 3 Unfortunately, Diana _____ with her previous employer when she left without giving notice.
- 4 Marcia really _____ on the party preparations – food, drinks, decorations, balloons. She didn't forget anything.
- 5 I really enjoyed my trip to the Czech Republic. My friend's family really made me _____.
- 6 The project was going really well, but now we have _____ and we aren't sure how to proceed.
- 7 Lorna _____ by becoming the first woman to be the director of the company.
- 8 When you see so many homeless people, you should feel grateful that you _____.

3 Complete the missing words or phrases.

- 1 I have a brilliant relationship with my step-father. In fact, we get on like a h _ _ _ _ _ f _ _ _.
- 2 The green belt policy – laws forbidding building just outside the city – were designed to prevent u _ _ _ _ s _ _ _ _.
- 3 We chose to move to this area because the t _ _ _ _ _ _ _ l _ _ _ _ made it easy for us to get to school.
- 4 Antonio's career was progressing well, but then he h _ _ a b _ _ _ _ w _ _ _ . He hasn't had a promotion for several years.
- 5 When our business closed, it was as if years of hard work had gone d _ _ _ t _ _ d _ _ _.
- 6 Let me know if you have any suggestions – nothing has been s _ _ _ s _ _ _ yet.
- 7 Denise was sad to see the house where she grew up had become d _ _ l _ _ _ as no one had lived there for many years.
- 8 Since the r _ _ _ _ _ _ has been built, the residents have found it much easier to get into town.

GRAMMAR

4 Complete the sentences with a comparative or superlative adjective or adverb using a word from the box.

success	gentle	heavy	strong
beautiful	quick	humid	clever

- 1 If everyone helps, we can finish packing up _____ than yesterday, when it took ages.
- 2 Summers are becoming much _____ than they were in the past.
- 3 Out of all the regions, the strategy has been implemented _____ in South Asia. They've done really well.
- 4 Liam is by far _____ swimmer on the team.
- 5 My grandfather is _____ man I've ever known.
- 6 Celia's gifts were _____ wrapped of them all.
- 7 It's raining _____ than it usually does at this time of year.
- 8 Samira is even _____ than her brother. She gets top marks in everything.

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5 Rewrite the sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first, using a double comparative adjective (with 'and') or adverb (with 'the'). You must include the word in brackets.

1 My liking for Tim increases as I spend more time with him. (more)
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2 The roads into the city are becoming increasingly busy. (and)
.....

3 Toys that are cheap are more likely to break. (the)
.....

4 The cost of houses is rising. They are so expensive. (becoming)
.....

5 If you drive carefully, you have a good chance of passing your test. (better)
.....

6 Every summer the temperature increases. It is really hot now. (getting)
.....

7 I'm sure these questions are not as easy as the earlier ones – they're quite difficult. (more)
.....

8 It is easier if you get into the water quickly. (the)
.....

6 Choose the correct option.

1 I like the countryside, but living in the city is much *the better / better / the best*.

2 Thailand is *by far / far / much* the most fascinating country I've ever visited.

3 Jenny drives *easily / a great deal / nearly* more carefully than her sister.

4 Liverpool is one of the most interesting *citys / city / cities* in the UK.

5 Scotland is *extremely / considerably / completely* more mountainous than England.

6 Pamela is *slightly / easily / by far* older than her brother.

7 Toby is *significantly / a bit / nearly* the best singer in his class.

8 My grandmother walks *noticeably / apparently / completely* more slowly than she used to.