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VOCABULARY

1 Match the definitions to the words or phrases.

- 1 made into an area where traffic is not allowed
- 2 an area on the edge of a city where people live
- 3 a tall building with many floors
- 4 in bad condition; not cared for
- 5 spread of a city often without planning
- 6 with many people living close together
- 7 areas with trees and plants
- 8 poor and crowded areas in a city

- A densely populated
B green spaces
C derelict
D slums
E urban sprawl
F pedestrianised
G high-rise
H suburb

2 Choose the correct idiom from the box and write it in the correct form.

hit a brick wall
hit the roof
have a roof over your head
set in stone
go to town
break the glass ceiling
feel at home
burn your bridges

- 1 We can make changes if we need to. The timetable isn't _____.
- 2 Mr Armstrong _____ when the children smashed his window 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 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_____ on f_____.
- 2 The green belt policy – laws forbidding building just outside the city – were designed to prevent u_b__ sp_____.
- 3 We chose to move to this area because the t_____ p_____ l_____s made it easy for us to get to school.
- 4 Antonio's career was progressing well, but then he hit a b_____ k 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_____ the dr_____.
- 6 Let me know if you have any suggestions. Nothing has been s__ in s____e yet.
- 7 Denise was sad to see the house where she grew up had become d____l____t as no one had lived there for many years.
- 8 Since the r____ 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 the word given in brackets.

- 1 If everyone helps, we can finish packing up _____ than last time. (quick)
- 2 Summers are becoming much _____ than they were in the past. (humid)
- 3 Out of all the regions, the strategy has been implemented _____ in South Asia. (success)
- 4 Liam is by far _____ swimmer on the team. (strong)
- 5 My grandfather is _____ man I've ever known. (gentle)
- 6 Celia's gifts were _____ wrapped of them all. (beautiful)
- 7 It's raining _____ than it usually does at this time of year. (heavy)
- 8 Samira is even _____ than her brother. (clever)

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5 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Include a double comparative adjective (with 'and') or adverb (with 'the').

- 1** My liking for Tim increases as I spend more time with him.

..... time I spend with Tim,
..... I like him.

- 2** The roads into the city are becoming increasingly busy.

The roads into the city are becoming
..... and
.....

- 3** Toys that are cheap are more likely to break.

..... the toy,
..... it is to break.

- 4** The cost of houses is rising. They are so expensive.

Houses are becoming
and

- 5** If you drive carefully, you have a good chance of passing your test.

..... you drive,
..... your chance of passing
your test.

- 6** Every summer the temperature increases. It is really hot now.

Summers are getting

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

These questions are becoming
.....

- 8** It is easier if you get into the water quickly.

..... you get into the water,
..... it is.

6 Choose the correct option.

- 1** I like the countryside, but living in the city is much *better* / *the best*.
- 2** Thailand is *by far* / *far* the most fascinating country I've ever visited.
- 3** Jenny drives *a great deal* / *nearly* more carefully than her sister.
- 4** Liverpool is one of the most interesting *cities* / *city* in the UK.
- 5** Scotland is *extremely* / *considerably* more mountainous than England.
- 6** Pamela is *slightly* / *easily* older than her brother.
- 7** Toby is *a bit* / *nearly* the best singer in his class.
- 8** My grandmother walks *completely* / *noticeably* more slowly than she used to.