

1 Choose the correct options in the sentences.

- Oxford city centre is pedestrianised / *derelict*, so people can walk around without worrying about the traffic.
- Tokyo is one of the most *high-rise* / *densely populated* cities in the world with a population of around 14 million.
- Taipei has a lot of *suburb* / *green spaces* where you can do outdoor activities such as hiking or cycling.
- Amsterdam has several very important *transport links* / *urban sprawl* including Schiphol international airport and the central train station.
- The M25 is the *ring road* / *high-rise* which you can use to travel more easily around the outskirts of London.
- Nowadays, *high-rise* / *densely populated* buildings are getting taller and taller.
- In some cities, the *slums* / *ring roads* are very close to wealthy suburbs, so the contrast is very obvious.
- Converting these *suburbs* / *derelict buildings* into shopping centres is the most effective use of the space.

2 Match the sentence beginnings (1–8) and endings (A–H).

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| 1 I'm afraid I've hit <u>A</u> | A a brick wall, I can't think how to finish the story. |
| 2 You're having live music? Wow! Your parents are really going to <u>.....</u> | B the glass ceiling, so I hope you will join us. |
| 3 Tom and I had a huge argument and I think I've burned <u>.....</u> | C over your head and a steady job. |
| 4 My Dad spent all day working on that report so, unsurprisingly, he hit <u>.....</u> | D the roof when there was a power cut and he lost all his work. |
| 5 I've only been coming here for six months but I really feel <u>.....</u> | E town with their plans for your birthday party. |
| 6 The more women that are successful in this company, the easier it will be to break <u>.....</u> | F a house on fire because we have a lot of things in common. |
| 7 When you start your career the most important things are to have a roof <u>.....</u> | G at home now. I know where everything is and what I'm supposed to do. |
| 8 Tina and I only met last month but we get on like <u>.....</u> | H my bridges with him, I don't think he'll speak to me again. |

3 Complete the sentences with a word or phrase from each box.

broke feels get on go going hit hit set

a brick wall at home down the drain
in stone like a house on fire the glass ceiling
the roof to town

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

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

Nowadays, local and national governments are having to protect ¹ green spaces on the city outskirts from being turned into ² However, with larger and larger populations this is often difficult. ³ 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 ⁴ increases. Some governments appear to have ⁵ regarding new ideas to keep the traffic moving freely. While others are ⁶ with innovative ideas such as smart road systems and new ⁷ that take the traffic away from the city centre. ⁸, this is a problem with no easy solution and everyone will need to be ⁹ to potential solutions.

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

2

- 2 E
- 3 H
- 4 D
- 5 G
- 6 B
- 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