CITY LIFE: PROBLEMS & PLACES

VOCABULARY WORKSHEET | Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

WORD BANK

crowds	**graffiti**	**green spaces**
pollution	**power cut**	**public transport**
rubbish	**rush hour**	**traffic jam**

1. Match the words to the meanings.

Write the correct word from the word bank next to each definition.

a. A large number of people in one place. _____

b. A line of vehicles that are moving very slowly or not moving. _____

c. The time of day when many people travel to or from work or school. _____

d. Buses, trains and other shared ways of travelling around a town or city. _____

e. Dirty air, water or land caused by harmful substances. _____

f. Waste material that people throw away. _____

g. Public areas with grass, trees and plants. _____

h. Pictures or writing painted or drawn on walls without permission. _____

i. A time when the electricity supply stops. _____

2. Complete the sentences.

Use the words in the box. You may need to change the form of a word.

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1. The roads are always busy at _____, especially at 8 a.m.
2. We were late because we got stuck in a _____.
3. There was a _____ last night, so we couldn't watch TV.
4. The city needs more parks and _____.
5. Please put your _____ in the bin.
6. The streets are full of _____ during the festival.
7. Taking _____ is often cheaper than driving.
8. Cars and factories cause air _____.
9. The walls are covered in _____.

CITY LIFE: VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Keep going — use the vocabulary in context.

3. Choose the correct word.

1. There are too many people here. I don't like the (crowds / green spaces).
2. The electricity stopped working. There was a (traffic jam / power cut).
3. We should use buses and trains to reduce (pollution / graffiti).
4. The city centre is very busy during (rush hour / rubbish).
5. The park is a lovely example of (public transport / green space).

4. Sort the vocabulary.

Write each word in the best category. Some answers may be possible in more than one category.

Transport & traffic	City environment	City life & services

Words: crowds • graffiti • green spaces • pollution • power cut • public transport • rubbish • rush hour • traffic jam

5. Make it personal — pair discussion.

1. What is the biggest problem in your town or city? Why?

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2. How do you usually travel during rush hour?

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3. Are there enough green spaces where you live?

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4. What can people do to reduce pollution and rubbish?

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6. Write about your city.

Write 5–6 sentences. Use at least FIVE words from the word bank. Describe one problem and suggest a solution.

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Challenge: Which two problems are connected? Explain how one can cause or make the other worse.

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