

## 2 Review and practice

- 1** Complete the sentences with the correct form of verbs from the box (infinitive or *-ing* form). You may need to add a preposition.

take pay spend apply consult hear  
make wear buy live

- I encouraged the architects \_\_\_\_\_ the community about their new project.
- We didn't mind \_\_\_\_\_ a few days in the town, but we didn't want to live there.
- I look forward \_\_\_\_\_ from you soon.
- We urged them not \_\_\_\_\_ a house in that area because it's very expensive and noisy.
- She's thinking of \_\_\_\_\_ for a job as a tour guide.
- I object \_\_\_\_\_ such a high rent in such a horrible part of town.
- They persuaded us \_\_\_\_\_ an effort and actually see some of the city.
- I can imagine \_\_\_\_\_ here for the rest of my life. I love it.
- Members of the ski club are advised \_\_\_\_\_ helmets while skiing, for their own protection.
- To relieve stress, I recommend \_\_\_\_\_ a long holiday in the countryside.

- 2** Complete each sentence with one word.

Chile is \_\_\_\_\_ pretty as Argentina.

*Chile is as pretty as Argentina.*

- You'd be \_\_\_\_\_ off going to Texas in the spring than in the summer.
- Paraguay is nowhere \_\_\_\_\_ as big as Brazil.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ sooner go to Cartagena than Bogotá for a holiday.
- Fiji is nothing \_\_\_\_\_ as rich as New Zealand.
- Switzerland is much the \_\_\_\_\_ as it always has been: safe, clean and expensive.
- The more cars we use, the \_\_\_\_\_ polluted our environment becomes.
- Poland \_\_\_\_\_ quite as cold as Norway, but its climate is similar in the north-east.
- Honduras is a tiny \_\_\_\_\_ bigger than Guatemala.
- China is by far \_\_\_\_\_ most populated nation in the world.
- Rather \_\_\_\_\_ getting a job in Madrid, why don't you travel around Spain?

- 3** Complete the text with words/phrases from the box.

stunning came up with come across  
keep up with side by side get away from  
turn up held up run-down carried out  
bustling vast

In 1883, Italian priest Don Bosco dreamed of a futuristic city in the heart of Brazil. Seventy-seven years later, his dream came true. Brasilia was completed in 1960, the construction of this specially designed city (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in just three and a half years. Brasilia has never forgotten Don Bosco: a cathedral in the city bears his name.

The city was commissioned by President Kubitschek to house the government and its buildings. Brasilia's supporters say the city promotes growth in the whole of Brazil, which is a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ country (easily South America's biggest), not just on the famous east coast. Its detractors say it was built so that politicians could (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the high crime rates of Rio and São Paulo and so they wouldn't have to live (4) \_\_\_\_\_ with the population in (5) \_\_\_\_\_ areas.

Instead of a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ city centre full of people, Brasilia seems quite empty and almost like a machine. Its architects (7) \_\_\_\_\_ a rigidly organised design, with designated areas for government buildings, housing, etc. In the original design, there were no traffic lights; cars would go through tunnels and bridges in the sky, never getting (8) \_\_\_\_\_ by excess traffic. In order to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ a growing population, however, Brasilia eventually had to install traffic lights.

It isn't a charming city, compared to other parts of Brazil, as it is very regimented and lacks pretty little streets. But if you (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in the centre of Brasilia you will (11) \_\_\_\_\_ some excellent restaurants. You should also pay a visit to the futuristic cathedral built by Niemeyer, the television tower with its (12) \_\_\_\_\_ views, and the zoo near the airport.

## Communities

- 1** Choose the correct words in *italics*.
- The *price/cost/rate* of living is high in Monaco.
  - The transport *structure/facility/infrastructure* is good in London.
  - Germany has a *mild/calm/normal* climate.
  - The *health/medical/healthcare* system in Cuba used to be excellent, with many top hospitals.
  - Arguably, the highest *standard/rate/style* of living is found in Scandinavian countries.
  - For several years the crime *level/statistics/rate* in New York has been falling.
  - Job opportunities/Job-seeking/Unemployment* among unqualified immigrants is a problem.
  - The *party life/night action/nightlife* in Poland is fantastic.
  - Hong Kong is becoming increasingly *cosmopolitan/diverse/varied*.
  - The best thing about Brazil is the sense of *liberty/freeing/freedom* as you walk around.
  - Egypt has possibly the world's most amazing *monuments/artefacts/buildings*.
  - In most city centres there's a lot of traffic *pollution/congestion/excess*.

## Adjectives to describe places

- 2** Put the underlined letters in order.

The town where I grew up used to be absolutely (1) hcraginm. The scenery was (2) rnqtluai: there were large rolling hills and a small forest (3) fof het nebaet rktac. I used to (4) slrtol there for hours on end, and (5) azge at the trees. I went back there recently and was surprised at how much it had changed. Right in the (6) threa of the town there was a car park which stood (7) dise yb edis with a new shopping mall. I went inside the mall and it was (8) ecakpd. Then I drove to my old school, which was still (9) gutibsln with children, though the buildings looked a little (10) nru nwod. I went in, hoping to see some of my old teachers, when suddenly a security guard approached, asked who I was, and promptly kicked me out. So I drove towards the forest, assuming that some things would remain (11) poutnlsi. Unfortunately, the forest didn't exist any more: they'd built a (12) asvt block of flats there.

## Phrasal verbs

- 3** Complete the phrasal verbs with the correct words.
- Alexandra cycles so fast that she's extremely hard to keep \_\_\_\_\_.  
a on with    b up to    c up with
  - The work was tough but we were able to carry it \_\_\_\_\_.  
a out    b by    c in
  - A solution to this problem won't be easy, but we'll see what we manage to come \_\_\_\_\_.  
a round for    b in to    c up with
  - The house was run-down so we had to do it \_\_\_\_\_.  
a round    b up    c over
  - Hannah has just started at a new school, so I hope she fits \_\_\_\_\_.  
a in    b up    c on
  - It'll be a great party if he turns \_\_\_\_\_.  
a up    b on    c out
  - There was a crash on the motorway so the traffic was held \_\_\_\_\_.  
a in    b up    c on
  - The salary is terrible. They barely pay you enough money to get \_\_\_\_\_.  
a through    b on    c by

## Verb patterns (1)

- 4** Complete the sentences with words from the box. Not all the words are necessary.

recommend    entering    being    us to use  
to do    afford    going    stand    to go    avoids  
of watching    us using    to pass    is    urge  
us to enter    doing    to watch

- I'm thinking of \_\_\_\_\_ to France. What's it like in April?
- Dave can't \_\_\_\_\_ to take a holiday, so he's camping in his garden this year!
- Can you imagine \_\_\_\_\_ an astronaut? You could go into space!
- Mario's so lazy. He always \_\_\_\_\_ doing the washing up.
- I tried to persuade Gail \_\_\_\_\_ a DVD tonight, but she didn't want to.
- I can't \_\_\_\_\_ smoking. The smoke makes me ill.
- They advised \_\_\_\_\_ traveller's cheques because they're safer.
- I wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ spending long in the museum. It's a bit dull.
- My teachers always encouraged me \_\_\_\_\_ my best.
- Libby urged \_\_\_\_\_ the competition. She was right – we won!

## Comparatives (review)

**5** Complete the article with eight words.

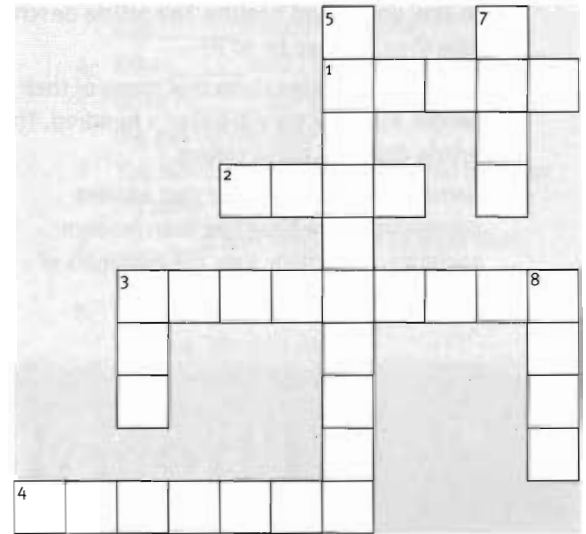
The online community is predicting that blogs will soon replace print journalism. While publishing news and views on the web is far easier <sup>than</sup> getting into print, I have my doubts about this prediction. Firstly, blogs are nowhere as reliable as print journalism. There are checks and balances for print journalists, and newspapers are far likely than websites to be prosecuted if they get the facts wrong. Reading a blog is much the same reading a diary: if it is full of lies and exaggeration, there's not a lot you can do. The advantage of blogs is that they are personal and usually unedited. But than using them as formal carriers of news, I think we'd be better having them as an alternative source of opinion. Basically, they act as a voice that cannot be silenced. The easier the web becomes to use, more diverse voices it will contain, and that's a great thing. As for me, I sooner read a newspaper any day!

**6** Do the pairs of sentences have similar (S) or different (D) meanings?

- 1 a It's much the same whether you buy your ticket on the Internet or at the station.  
b Buying the ticket on the internet is marginally cheaper but there's hardly any difference.
- 2 a I'd sooner live in a quiet community than one with lots of nightlife.  
b In my view, the more nightlife, the better.
- 3 a São Paulo is much the biggest city I've ever been in.  
b São Paulo is by far the biggest city I've ever been in.
- 4 a The less we mix with that community, the less trouble we'll have.  
b We're much better off mixing with that community.
- 5 a Togo is nowhere near as expensive as South Africa.  
b South Africa is nothing like as cheap as Togo.
- 6 a Lugano is considerably prettier than my home town.  
b My home town isn't quite as pretty as Lugano.
- 7 a Bristol is nothing like as exciting as the town where I grew up.  
b Bristol is miles more exciting than the town where I grew up.
- 8 a I'd prefer to live in the countryside.  
b I think we'd be better off living in the countryside.

## How to... give advice/make recommendations

**7** Complete the crossword with the missing words.



### Across

- 1 That jacket you bought ten years ago was good \_\_\_\_\_ for money. It still looks nice.
- 2 When you go to the market be \_\_\_\_\_ of pickpockets. They are notorious.
- 3 Everyone said the film was great but I thought it was a bit \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 That statue isn't all it's \_\_\_\_\_ up to be. I thought it would be much more beautiful than it is.

### Down

- 3 You should watch \_\_\_\_\_ for the mosquitoes. There are a lot of them at this time of year.
- 5 The drinks are \_\_\_\_\_ in this nightclub. They shouldn't be this expensive!
- 7 You can't miss the Picasso exhibition. It's a \_\_\_\_\_!
- 8 The film was really \_\_\_\_\_. I found it so boring that I fell asleep.