

Cities

Task 1. Fill in the gaps with the words in the box.

canals	bike	stations	roads
underground	boat	streets	bus

1. In Bangkok, there are a lot of _____. Sunan goes to school by _____.
2. In Mexico, there are a lot of cars on the _____. Going by car is slow. Carmen goes to school by _____ because it is fast.
3. In New York, Sophia goes to school by _____. There are 468 underground _____ in New York.
4. In Amsterdam, Lars and his friends go to school by _____. There are a lot of bike _____ in Amsterdam. They are safe because there are no cars.

Task 2. Read the sentences and match the words in bold with their meanings (a–h).

1. The house had been well maintained and was in excellent **condition**.
2. The room was full of **stylish** furniture and expensive paintings.
3. The house was **elegant** and well kept.
4. The house isn't very **secure**. We need to change the locks.
5. It's an old house with a lot of **character**.
6. The rooms are very **spacious** with large windows opening out onto balconies.
7. Bel Air is an **exclusive** suburb of Los Angeles.
8. The area near the harbour has become very **fashionable**.
 - a. beautiful, attractive or graceful
 - b. in a particular physical state, e.g., clean, dirty, messy, etc.
 - c. attractive in a way that is modern and popular
 - d. large, with plenty of space to move around
 - e. a combination of qualities that makes a place different to others
 - f. so expensive that most people cannot afford it
 - g. protected so that people cannot get in or out
 - h. popular at the moment

Task 3. Choose the correct words to complete the text.

Marmalade Lane – Cambridge, UK

Cambridge is one of the most (1) *fashionable / character* cities in the UK to live in. But price increases have meant the city has become quite (2) *stylish / exclusive* and it can be difficult for young people to afford to buy or rent properties which are (3) *in good / of good* condition.

Marmalade Lane is Cambridge's first co-housing community project, and its residents include families with young children, retired couples, single-person households and young professional couples. The architects have designed (4) *stylish / exclusive* houses of different sizes and the houses have their own (5) *character / stylish*. The architecture is (6) *in terrible condition / elegant* and even the smaller houses feel (7) *spacious / fashionable*. Residents live in their own houses, which are (8) *secure / exclusive*, but they share communal spaces and facilities, like a gym and a laundry. There is also a shared garden and a "common house" where the community can eat together and socialise.

ANSWER KEY

Task 1.

1. canals / boat
2. roads (streets) / bus
3. underground / stations
4. bike / streets (roads)

Task 2.

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| 1. b | 2. c | 3. a | 4. g |
| 5. e | 6. d | 7. f | 8. h |

Task 3.

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|----------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| 1. fashionable | 2. exclusive | 3. in good | 4. stylish |
| 5. character | 6. elegant | 7. spacious | 8. secure |

WORDLIST

Word	Pronunciation	Meaning
canal (n)	/kə'næl/	Con kênh
character (n)	/'kærəktə(r)/	Đặc điểm, điểm đặc biệt, cá tính
elegant (adj)	/'elɪgənt/	Thanh lịch
exclusive (adj)	/ɪk'sklu:sɪv/	Riêng biệt, độc nhất
fashionable (adj)	/'fæʃnəbl/	Thời thượng, hợp mốt
laundry (n)	/'lɔ:ndri/	Việc giặt giũ, phòng giặt đồ
property (n)	/'prɒpəti/	Tài sản, bất động sản (nhà, đất)
socialise (v)	/'səʊʃəlaɪz/	Giao lưu, giao tiếp xã hội
spacious (adj)	/'speɪʃəs/	Rộng rãi
stylish (adj)	/'stɑɪlɪʃ/	Sành điệu

Co-housing community project (np)		Dự án nhà ở xã hội theo mô hình chia sẻ không gian chung
In (good/ terrible) condition		Trong điều kiện (tốt/ tồi tệ)