**Local community & Place where I live**

**Exercise 1. Read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C, or D) best completes each gap. There is one example.**

| **Where did you grow up?***Read some of our readers’ stories.*I have a lot of great memories of the house 0. \_\_\_\_\_ I grew up. Now we live 1. \_\_\_\_\_ the suburbs, but when I was little, my dad got a job in the countryside and we lived in a big old house on the 2. \_\_\_\_\_ of a village. We lived there for ten years and I used to go to the village school. We were 3. \_\_\_\_\_ the sea and my friends and I often explored the beach and the caves in the cliffs. The area is famous 4. \_\_\_\_\_ its beaches and white cliffs and it was the 5. \_\_\_\_\_ for a popular TV series last year! I loved that old house. Some people think it’s lonely to be in the countryside, but I 6. \_\_\_\_\_ being on my 7. \_\_\_\_\_ sometimes. If I felt 8. \_\_\_\_\_, I could go up to my bedroom and look out of the window. I had a breath-taking 9. \_\_\_\_\_ from there across the fields and to the sea. It was very relaxing and made me feel better. I was really unhappy when we 10. \_\_\_\_\_ to the town! |
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0. A. which B. whose C. where D. who

1. A. on B. in C. by D. over

2. A. side B. centre C. edge D. part

3. A. at B. over C. close D. near

4. A. of B. on C. with D. for

5. A. plot B. setting C. place D. soundtrack

6. A. wanted B. decided C. hoped D. enjoyed

7. A. alone B. self C. own D. single

8. A. miserable B. proud C. crowded D. famous

9. A. scene B. sight C. view D. picture

10. A. changed B. transported C. moved D. travelled

**Exercise 2. Complete the gaps with the correct words from the box. You don’t need to use all the words.**

| bike rack crossing pavement bus stop |
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| rubbish bin seats art gallery sports centre  |
|  swimming pool skate park department store apartment blocks |

**Cities with art at their heart**

In the past, the only place to ﬁnd colour and design was in an 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. But now design is coming to the streets …When you wait at the 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on your daily journey to school, you can admire the artwork painted on the side. The end of a cycle ride can make you smile with a 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that looks like a comb. Even the grey concrete 4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we walk on is changing. As you go along, you can see 3D art, adverts and even poetry. And 5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the street don’t have to be made of wood, all brown and boring. Now places to sit appear in a variety of shapes, colours and sizes. Buildings are becoming more interesting, too. Imagine shopping in a futuristic 6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ like Selfridges in Birmingham! And which of the 7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ below do you prefer?



**ANSWER KEY**

**Exercise 1.**

1. B 2. C 3. D 4. D 5. B

6. D 7. C 8. A 9. C 10. C

**Exercise 2.**

1. art gallery 2. bus stop 3. bike rack

4. pavement 5. seats 6. department store 7. apartment blocks

**WORDLIST**

| **Word** | **Pronunciation** | **Meaning** |
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| art gallery (n) | /ˈɑːt ɡæləri/ | triển lãm nghệ thuật |
| artwork (n) | /ˈɑːtwɜːk/ | tác phẩm nghệ thuật |
| bike rack (np) | /ˈbaɪk ˌræk/ | giá đỡ xe đạp (ở bãi đỗ xe) |
| breath-taking (adj) | /ˈbreθteɪkɪŋ/ | đẹp tuyệt vời, đẹp đến ngỡ ngàng |
| cliff (n) | /klɪf/ | vách đá, vách núi |
| concrete (adj) | /ˈkɒŋkriːt/ | (làm bằng) bê-tông |
| miserable (adj) | /ˈmɪzrəbl/ | khổ sở, khốn đốn |
| futuristic (adj) | /ˌfjuːtʃəˈrɪstɪk/ | (thuộc về) tương lai |
| skate park (np) | /ˈskeɪtpɑːk/ | sân trượt ván |
| (be) on my own |  | một mình |