**Cities**

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

| canals bike stations roads underground boat streets bus |
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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**.
9. beautiful, attractive or graceful
10. in a particular physical state, e.g., clean, dirty, messy, etc.
11. attractive in a way that is modern and popular
12. large, with plenty of space to move around
13. a combination of qualities that makes a place different to others
14. so expensive that most people cannot afford it
15. protected so that people cannot get in or out
16. 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.**

1. b 2. c 3. a 4. g

5. e 6. d 7. f 8. h

**Task 3.**

1. fashionable 2.  exclusive   3. in good 4. stylish

5. character 6.  elegant 7. spacious 8. secure

**WORDLIST**

| **Word** | **Pronunciation** | **Meaning** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| canal (n) | /kəˈnæl/ | Con kênh |
| character (n) | /ˈkærəktə(r)/ | Đặc điểm, điểm đặc biệt, cá tính |
| elegant (adj) | /ˈelɪɡənt/ | Thanh lịch |
| exclusive (adj) | /ɪkˈskluːsɪv/ | Riêng biệt, độc nhất |
| fashionable (adj) | /ˈfæʃnəbl/ | Thời thượng, hợp mốt |
| laundry (n) | /ˈlɔːndri/ | Việc giặt giũ, phòng giặt đồ |
| property (n) | /ˈprɒpəti/ | Tài sản, bất động sản (nhà, đất) |
| socialise (v) | /ˈsəʊʃəlaɪz/ | Giao lưu, giao tiếp xã hội |
| spacious (adj) | /ˈspeɪʃəs/ | Rộng rãi |
| stylish (adj) | /ˈstaɪlɪʃ/ | 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) |