

3a Car-free zones

Reading

- 1 Read the article and match the cities with the photos (1–4).
- 2 Answer the questions.
 - 1 What is a problem in many cities?
 - 2 Why is it a problem?
 - 3 How many people live in downtown London?
 - 4 What is beautiful in downtown London?
 - 5 What are popular in Tokyo?
 - 6 How many people take the bus to work in Bogotá?
 - 7 Why is Bourke Street popular?

Vocabulary adjectives about cities

- 3 Underline all the adjectives in the article in Exercise 1.

Which adjective means:

- 1 doesn't cost money
- 2 lots of people?
- 3 has bad air?
- 4 many people like it?
- 5 very good?

Which adjective means the opposite of:

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| 6 quiet | 9 cheap |
| 7 ugly | 10 big |
| 8 dirty | 11 old |

- 4 Work in pairs. Which places in a city you know are:

- free or cheap?
- small and crowded?
- polluted and noisy?
- modern and popular?
- beautiful and relaxing?

CAR-FREE ZONES

Many people have cars in the city. But pollution is a problem because of the traffic. Nowadays some downtown areas around the world don't have cars. These car-free zones are areas for people, bicycles, and public transportation only.

London

Eight million people live in the center of London and another two million people go to work there every day. The downtown area is very noisy with hundreds of cars, buses, and taxis, but there are also a lot of beautiful parks with free music concerts. At lunchtime and after work, many people go there for a break.

Tokyo

Parts of Tokyo are always crowded with hundreds of people—but no cars! These modern car-free zones are very popular and people like shopping there.

Bogotá

In the past, Bogotá was polluted because there were lots of cars and traffic. Now the downtown area is a car-free zone and the air is clean! Many people don't have a car and half a million people take the bus to work.

Melbourne

In many cities, people don't like to shop downtown. But in Melbourne, Bourke Street is popular because there are lots of great stores and no cars. It's expensive, but lots of people eat lunch in the small cafés.

