

1 Underline the correct words to complete the compound words.

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| 1 post | hour | <u>box</u> | bin |
| 2 bus | stop | rank | limit |
| 3 pedestrian | cut | jam | crossing |
| 4 speed | sign | limit | spaces |
| 5 public | hour | bin | transport |
| 6 recycling | bin | jam | stop |
| 7 power | box | cut | building |
| 8 green | rank | hour | spaces |

2 Choose the correct words.

- We had a power *sign* / cut last night because of the storm.
- Jane lives in an apartment *building* / *spaces* in the city with her family.
- It's best to avoid the city centre during rush *hour* / *jam* when there's peak traffic on the roads.
- The circular road *crossing* / *sign* with a white line on a red background means No Entry.
- The taxi *stop* / *rank* had a crowd of people waiting, but no taxis!
- There's always a terrible traffic *jam* / *limit* on the ring road when my dad drives to work.

3 What would they like to improve about where they live? Unscramble the words.

- Jade:** I'd like there to be a better public t r a n s p o r t (p r a n t r o t s) system in our city so there aren't as many cars on the road.
- Dan:** There's too much _____ (f i t r a f i g) on the buildings, which should be cleaned up.
- Amy:** I live in a big city with too much _____ (l o o p t u l i n) from factories.
- Alex:** There are too many people where I live! I don't like _____ (d r o w c s)!
- Louise:** There should be less _____ (s h u b r i b) left on the streets. It's unhygienic!

4 Complete the information about the UK.

- standard post box colour: red
- s _____ l _____ on motorways: 70 mph
- an animal often seen on a r _____ s _____ in rural areas: sheep
- most famous g _____ artist: Banksy
- standard paper r _____ b _____ colour: blue
- types of p _____ c _____ include: zebra, pelican

5 Complete the text with the words in the box.

apartment building ~~crowds~~ green spaces
pollution public transport recycling bins
rubbish rush hour traffic jams

City life: Beijing

I'm Xang, and I live in Beijing in China. It's one of the largest cities in the world with more than 20 million people, so there are ¹ crowds on the streets every day. I live in an ² _____ in the city centre and I love where I live, but there are a few problems like in all big cities.

³ _____ has been a problem in Beijing for a long time because of all the cars and industry, but over the last four years it has improved by more than 25%, which is a good sign.

There are also too many cars on the roads, which causes a lot of ⁴ _____, especially during the busy ⁵ _____, but the city is following places like London and Singapore by charging drivers to come into the centre, and this should reduce the number of vehicles. In fact, it's better to travel by ⁶ _____ anyway as there's a very good subway system here.

The city is also improving by creating many new parks and other ⁷ _____ amongst all the urban areas. And it's even slowly solving the problem of ⁸ _____ by introducing ⁹ _____ in households for people to sort out their waste.

So my city is getting better and better every day!