

CITY PROBLEMS

AudioScript

B

Listen to the conversations about problems in a city.
Number the pictures from 1 to 3.

1.

Woman 1: That's why the air quality is so bad around here. It's not good for people's health. There are too many factories in the area. I think they should move them away from the city.

Woman 2: Yes! And it's getting worse and worse. They're all pumping dangerous chemicals into the air! There are no controls on industries. But how can we stop them?

Woman 1: They should start fining the companies that are responsible. That's what they should do. It's the only way they'll get them to change.

2.

Man: There are too many trucks and vans on the roads. They're the cause of the problem. I think they should keep trucks out of the city during rush hour. That's why we have this terrible problem.

Woman: I agree. But also there are too many cars on the roads, and most of them have only one person in them. They should only allow you to drive into the city if you have a full car. It's ridiculous to have all these cars driving around with only one person in them.

3.

Man: It's very difficult to cross the streets because there aren't enough of them. People risk their lives trying to cross the street whenever there's a break in the traffic. It's crazy! No wonder there are so many accidents.

Woman: Yeah, they should put in a lot more. There aren't enough on the major streets, especially downtown.

Man: And if drivers don't stop when people are trying to cross, they should get a huge fine. Lots of drivers just go straight through them, even when people are trying to cross.

Woman: You're telling me! I almost got hit today!

Man: Oh, no!

C

Listen again. Check the two solutions suggested for each problem.

Answers

A

Answers will vary.

B

3, 1, 2

C

1. a, c

2. a, b

3. a, c

D

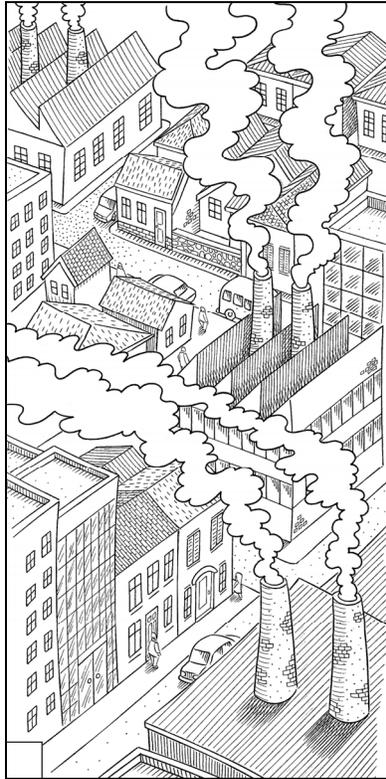
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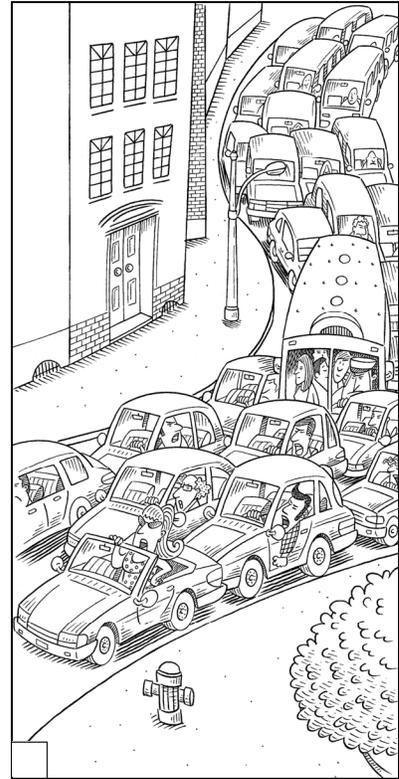
A PAIR WORK Look at the pictures. Do you have these problems in your city or town? What other problems are there? Make a list.



dangerous crosswalks



air pollution



traffic jams

B Listen to the conversations about problems in a city. Number the pictures from 1 to 3.

C Listen again. Check (✓) the two solutions suggested for each problem.

1. a. Move factories away from the city.
 b. Move away from the factories.
 c. Fine the companies that are responsible.
2. a. Keep trucks out of cities during rush hour.
 b. Don't allow cars with only one person.
 c. Improve the subway and bus systems.
3. a. Fine drivers who don't stop.
 b. Add more cars.
 c. Add more crosswalks.

D PAIR WORK Discuss ways to solve the problems you listed in part A.