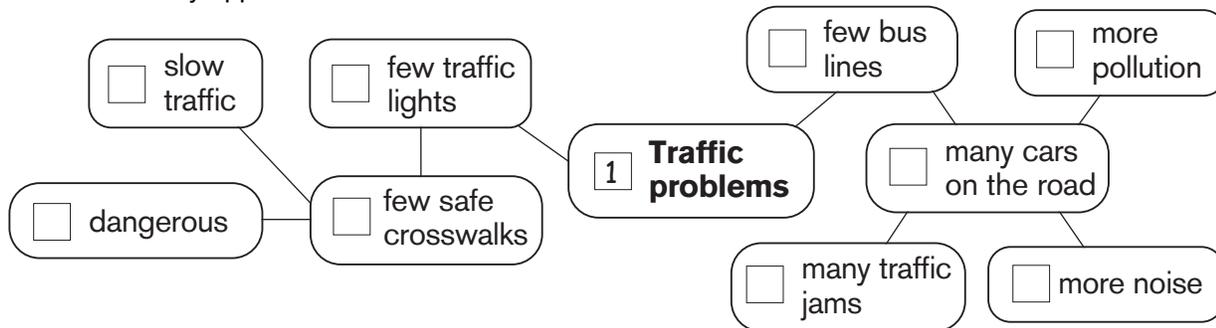


LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Before You Write

Look at Paul's word web. Then read his letter to the editor. Number the word web topics in the order they appear in the letter.



Dear Editor,

I'd like to complain about traffic problems in my neighborhood. First, there aren't enough traffic lights, so there are few safe crosswalks. This is dangerous for children and seniors. Also, it slows down the traffic. Second, there aren't enough bus lines, so there are too many cars on the road. As a result, there are a lot of traffic jams. There is more noise and pollution, too.

I think the city council should find solutions to these problems.

Paul Hamilton
Spring Lane

Your First Draft

A Make a word web about a problem in your neighborhood. Use the word web above as a model.

B Write a letter to the editor about the problem. Use the ideas from your word web and the letter above as a model.

C PAIR WORK Read your partner's word web and letter. Write answers to these questions.

1. What do you like about the letter?
2. Do the word web and the letter have the same information?
3. What else do you want to know?

Your Second Draft

Use your partner's answers to revise your letter.