

## **GREEN IN THE CITY**

## **BEFORE YOU WATCH**

A **PAIR WORK** What are the advantages and disadvantages of living in a city? Brainstorm ideas and put them in the chart.

Advantages	Disadvantages

B PAIR WORK Check (\*) the correct option to complete the definition. How do you think urban planners can help with the disadvantages you identified in exercise A?

An urban planner is someone who ...

- finds places for a government to build new cities.
- plans the way cities are built so that they are good places to live.
- transforms cities into countryside locations for people to live.
- C PAIR WORK PREDICT You will watch a video about how green spaces change life in cities. Check (✓) all of the options you think are correct about the effects of green spaces.
  - **1** People are healthier.
  - **2** Life is more stressful.
  - **3** People are more tired.
  - **4** The air quality is better.
  - **5** There is less rain.
  - **6** The temperature is lower.
  - **7** There are more activities for people to do.



#### WHILE YOU WATCH

A **PAIR WORK** Were your predictions in exercise C on page 21 correct? According to the video, how do green spaces change life in cities?



B Match the beginnings (1–5) with the endings (a–e) to make sentences.

- 1 If a city has a lot of green space,
- 2 Life in a big city can be stressful,
- **3** According to urban planners,
- 4 Open green spaces have benefits,
- 5 Activities in green spaces are fun,
- C PAIR WORK Answer the questions about the video.
  - 1 Why do people go to parks in cities?

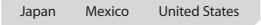
- **a** so people stay in their homes.
- **b** such as better physical and mental health.
- **c** the health of the city will improve.
- d and they take away stress.
- e green spaces are an essential part of cities.
- 2 What is becoming popular in Chicago and São Paulo?
- 3 Where can people grow food and vegetables together?
- 4 How much carbon dioxide can trees remove from the air?
- 5 What else do trees remove from the air?

# D PAIR WORK According to the video, does the information in the box relate to green roofs or community gardens? Complete the chart.

build a better world help people connect relax and enjoy views	collect rainwater keep buildings warm	grow food lower the air temperature
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Green roofs	Community gardens
1	1
2	2
3	3
5	5
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#### E Where are these parks? Match the pictures with the places.









F GROUP WORK Which of these parks would you like to visit? Why?

### **AFTER YOU WATCH**

- A **PAIR WORK** Discuss the questions with a partner.
  - Are there any famous urban green spaces in your country?
  - What can you do there?
  - Have you visited them?
- B PAIR WORK Do you agree with the following sentence? Give reasons.

If urban planners create more green spaces in my city, life will be better.

- C GROUP WORK Imagine you are urban planners in your city. Choose somewhere in your city to build a community garden or a green roof. Prepare to present this proposal to class. Consider the following:
  - where it will be
  - how it will be built
  - what the benefits will be for the community
  - what the benefits will be for the environment

