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City plans to plant 3 million trees

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THE ARTICLE

The city of Manchester in England has embarked on an ambitious plan to plant three million trees. The project is called the "City of Trees". Project director, Tony Hothersall, explained that the green venture had three main aims. He said: "One is to plant three million trees - a tree for every man, woman and child - over the next 25 years. Next, we are very much focused on bringing existing woodland into management because there is no point in planting new woodland if you can't manage what you've got already. Finally, we want to engage people a lot more in their natural environment - in planting trees, in managing areas, [and] in understanding more about the benefits that trees and woodlands bring to our society."

Mr Hothersall further outlined the rationale behind the recently-launched environmental project. He said: "Manchester wants to be a world-class city region. We have a lot of fantastic development going on, but the natural environment needs to keep up with that." He believes the initiative will reconnect people with trees and the natural world, provide benefits to health and reduce stress. He said: "Woodlands can do great things in terms of air pollution reduction and can help to screen for noise pollution. They can also help cities and towns become more resilient to climate change both in terms of things like reducing the urban heat island effect and also reducing…flooding."

WARM-UPS

1. TREES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about trees. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

city / ambitious / plan / aims / trees / woodland / natural environment / society / rationale / project / world class / development / initiative / health / stress / flooding

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. REPLACEMENT: Students A **strongly** believe we should not cut down trees and instead find a replacement for wood; Students B **strongly** believe that's silly. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. BENEFITS: What are the benefits of trees to these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Benefits	Why?
Children		
Health		
The economy		
Climate change		
Mental wellbeing		
Infrastructure		

5. PLANT: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "plant". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE: Rank these with your partner. Put the things that make climate change worse at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- politicians
- logging
- coal
- lack of education

- cars
- cows
- aerosols
- average people

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

a. The City of Trees will be in the English city of Manchester.   **T / F**

b. The project director said there are five main aims of the project.   **T / F**

c. The director hopes many couples will get engaged in new woodland.   **T / F**

d. The director said people will understand more about the benefits of trees. **T / F**

e. Manchester wants to be a world-class city.   **T / F**

f. The director said the natural environment must keep up with development. **T / F**

g. The article said trees add to noise pollution.   **T / F**

h. The article said urban heat islands lead to flooding.   **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:
Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

1.	**embarked**	a.	logic
2.	**ambitious**	b.	enterprise
3.	**venture**	c.	regarding
4.	**focused**	d.	bold
5.	**benefits**	e.	tough
6.	**rationale**	f.	centred
7.	**fantastic**	g.	lower
8.	**reduce**	h.	started
9.	**in terms of**	i.	marvellous
10.	**resilient**	j.	advantages

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

1.	embarked	a.	class city
2.	there is no	b.	to climate change
3.	we want to engage	c.	woodlands bring
4.	natural	d.	environment
5.	the benefits that trees and	e.	people
6.	be a world-	f.	on an ambitious plan
7.	a lot of fantastic development	g.	with trees
8.	reconnect people	h.	of air pollution
9.	in terms	i.	going on
10.	become more resilient	j.	point

GAP FILL

The city of Manchester in England has embarked on an (1) _____ plan to plant three million trees. The (2) _____ is called the "City of Trees". Project director, Tony Hothersall, explained that the green venture had three main (3) _____. He said: "One is to plant three million trees - a tree for every man, woman and child - over the next 25 years. Next, we are very much (4) _____ on bringing (5) _____ woodland into management because there is no point in planting new woodland if you can't (6) _____ what you've got already. Finally, we want to (7) _____ people a lot more in their natural environment - in planting trees, in managing areas, [and] in understanding more about the (8) _____ that trees and woodlands bring to our society."

project

existing

ambitious

benefits

focused

engage

aims

manage

Mr Hothersall further outlined the (9) _____ behind the recently-launched environmental project. He said: "Manchester wants to be a world-class city region. We have a lot of (10) _____ development going on, but the natural environment needs to keep up with that." He believes the (11) _____ will reconnect people with trees and the natural world, provide benefits to health and (12) _____ stress. He said: "Woodlands can do great things in (13) _____ of air pollution reduction and can help to (14) _____ for noise pollution. They can also help cities and towns become more (15) _____ to climate change both in terms of things like reducing the urban heat island (16) _____ and also reducing…flooding."

reduce

fantastic

resilient

rationale

terms

effect

initiative

screen

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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1) director, Tony Hothersall, explained that the green venture had _____
   a. three main arms
   b. three main alms
   c. three main aims
   d. three main names

2) Next, we are very much focused on bringing existing woodland _____
   a. onto management
   b. onto management
   c. into management
   d. in two management

3) there is no point in planting new woodland if you can't manage what _____
   a. you've got it rready
   b. you've got all ready
   c. you've got all readily
   d. you've got already

4) Finally, we want to engage people a lot more in their _____
   a. naturally environment
   b. natural environment
   c. naturals environment
   d. naturalism environment

5) the benefits that trees and woodlands bring _____
   a. to our society
   b. to your society
   c. too our society
   d. to our societies

6) outlined the rationale behind the recently-launched _____
   a. environmental projection
   b. environmental project
   c. environmental protect
   d. environmental protection

7) fantastic development going on, but the natural environment needs to keep _____
   a. up with this
   b. up with these
   c. up with them
   d. up with that

8) He believes the initiative will reconnect people with trees and _____
   a. the natural worlds
   b. the naturism world
   c. the naturalist worlds
   d. the natural world

9) They can also help cities and towns become _____
   a. more resilient
   b. more reticent
   c. more resurgent
   d. more recycling

10) in terms of things like reducing the urban heat _____
   a. Iceland effect
   b. Ireland effect
   c. island effect
   d. eye-land effect

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

The city of Manchester in England has (1) _____ ambitious plan to plant three million trees. The project is called the "City of Trees". Project director, Tony Hothersall, explained that (2) _____ had three main aims. He said: "One is to plant three million trees - a tree for every man, woman and child - over the next 25 years. Next, we are very (3) _____ bringing existing woodland into management because there (4) _____ planting new woodland if you can't manage what you've got already. Finally, we want (5) _____ a lot more in their natural environment - in planting trees, in managing areas, [and] in understanding more about the benefits that trees and woodlands (6) _____."

Mr Hothersall further (7) _____ behind the recently-launched environmental project. He said: "Manchester wants to be a world-class city region. We have (8) _____ development going on, but the natural environment needs (9) _____ that." He believes the initiative will reconnect people with trees and the natural world, (10) _____ health and reduce stress. He said: "Woodlands can do great things in terms of air pollution reduction and can help to screen for noise pollution. They (11) _____ cities and towns become more resilient to climate change both in terms of things like reducing the urban (12) _____ also reducing…flooding."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What adjective was used in the article to describe the plan?

2. How many main aims does the project have?

3. Over how many years will it take to plant the trees?

4. What will the project engage more people in?

5. What did the article say trees and woodlands will bring to society?

6. What did Tony Hothersall outline?

7. What kind of city does Manchester want to become?

8. What will the initiative reconnect people with?

9. What do trees screen for?

10. What effect do trees help to reduce?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

1) What adjective was used in the article to describe the plan?
a) enterprising
b) beautiful
c) difficult
d) ambitious

2) How many main aims does the project have?
a) 2
b) 3
c) 4
d) 5

3) Over how many years will it take to plant the trees?
a) 22
b) 23
c) 24
d) 25

4) What will the project engage more people in?
a) projects
b) each other
c) their natural environment
d) gardening

5) What did the article say trees and woodlands will bring to society?
a) planting
b) birds
c) managing
d) benefits

6) What did Tony Hothersall outline?
a) a city
b) a tree
c) a rationale
d) a launch

7) What kind of city does Manchester want to become?
a) world-class
b) the best at football
c) a centre for shopping
d) the one with the most trees

8) What will the initiative reconnect people with?
a) long-lost relatives
b) each other
c) trees
d) stress

9) What do trees screen for?
a) insects
b) noise pollution
c) movies
d) the sky

10) What effect do trees help to reduce?
a) heat island effect
b) domino effect
c) butterfly effect
d) flooding effect

ROLE PLAY

Role A – Politicians

You think politicians are the biggest cause of climate change. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their causes. Also, tell the others which is the least damaging of these (and why): cars, logging or average people.

Role B – Cars

You think cars are the biggest cause of climate change. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their causes. Also, tell the others which is the least damaging of these (and why): politicians, logging or average people.

Role C – Logging

You think logging is the biggest cause of climate change. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their causes. Also, tell the others which is the least damaging of these (and why): cars, politicians or average people.

Role D – Average People

You think average people are the biggest cause of climate change. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their causes. Also, tell the others which is the least damaging of these (and why): cars, logging or politicians.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms … for the words 'city' and 'tree'.

city	tree

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning…?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

• plan	• behind
• green	• class
• 25	• keep
• point	• reduce
• engage	• screen
• society	• heat

TREES SURVEY

Write five GOOD questions about trees in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

• Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.

• Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

TREES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?

2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'tree'?

3. What do you think of the project?

4. How green or tree-filled is your city?

5. How important are trees?

6. How can we respect trees more?

7. What is your favourite tree, and why?

8. How does looking at a tree make you feel?

9. How engaged are you in the natural environment?

10. What benefits do trees bring to society?

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TREES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?

12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'environment'?

13. What damage are we doing to trees?

14. What are your feelings about disappearing woodlands and forests?

15. How can people reconnect with nature?

16. How can trees help education and employment?

17. How can trees help the economy?

18. How can trees help our wellbeing?

19. What causes urban heat islands?

20. What questions would you like to ask the project director?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

1.	(a)	reared	(b)	dog-eared	(c)	earmarked	(d)	benchmarked
2.	(a)	maim	(b)	mane	(c)	mine	(d)	mean
3.	(a)	for	(b)	from	(c)	of	(d)	by
4.	(a)	on	(b)	in	(c)	to	(d)	at
5.	(a)	readily	(b)	already	(c)	ready	(d)	all ready
6.	(a)	benefitting	(b)	benefited	(c)	beneficiaries	(d)	benefits
7.	(a)	ration	(b)	rational	(c)	rationale	(d)	irrational
8.	(a)	in	(b)	down	(c)	as	(d)	on
9.	(a)	up	(b)	down	(c)	in	(d)	on
10.	(a)	terms	(b)	times	(c)	teams	(d)	tomes
11.	(a)	squeamish	(b)	screen	(c)	scree	(d)	scream
12.	(a)	affect	(b)	infect	(c)	effect	(d)	reflect

SPELLING

Paragraph 1

1. embarked on an <u>saubmiiot</u> plan

2. the green <u>entruev</u> had three main aims

3. we are very much <u>usfoced</u>

4. bringing <u>ngietixs</u> woodland

5. <u>agegne</u> people a lot more

6. in their <u>tlauran</u> environment

Paragraph 2

7. outlined the <u>onelaitar</u>

8. the recently-<u>calenhdu</u> environmental project

9. a world-class city <u>eongri</u>

10. the <u>inativetii</u> will reconnect people

11. in terms of air <u>ltooplniu</u>

12. become more <u>lestieinr</u> to climate change

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

(   )   25 years. Next, we are very much focused on bringing existing woodland into management because there is no point

(   )   understanding more about the benefits that trees and woodlands bring to our society."

(   )   like reducing the urban heat island effect and also reducing…flooding."

(   )   Mr Hothersall further outlined the rationale behind the recently-launched environmental project. He said: "Manchester wants

(   )   people a lot more in their natural environment - in planting trees, in managing areas, [and] in

(   )   to be a world-class city region. We have a lot of fantastic development going on, but the natural

(   )   with trees and the natural world, provide benefits to health and reduce stress. He said: "Woodlands can do great

(   )   environment needs to keep up with that." He believes the initiative will reconnect people

(   )   called the "City of Trees". Project director, Tony Hothersall, explained that the green venture had three main

(   )   in planting new woodland if you can't manage what you've got already. Finally, we want to engage

(*1*)   The city of Manchester in England has embarked on an ambitious plan to plant three million trees. The project is

(   )   and towns become more resilient to climate change both in terms of things

(   )   aims. He said: "One is to plant three million trees - a tree for every man, woman and child - over the next

(   )   things in terms of air pollution reduction and can help to screen for noise pollution. They can also help cities

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

1. plan   three   Embarked   ambitious   plant   trees   an   to   million   on   .

2. that   venture   main   explained   green   3   Hothersall   the   had   aims   .

3. existing   into   Focused   bringing   woodland   management   on   .

4. in   people   their   a   natural   lot   environment   more   Engage   .

5. woodlands   our   benefits   and   to   The   trees   bring   society   that   .

6. to   The   keep   natural   up   environment   with   needs   that   .

7. the   with   initiative   trees   will   He   reconnect   believes   people   .

8. Woodlands   great   terms   pollution   do   in   air   can   things   of   .

9. more   climate   cities   become   to   Help   towns   resilient   change   and   .

10. island   effect   also   and   flooding   reducing   Reducing   the   urban   heat   .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170124-city-of-trees.html

The city of Manchester in England has *embarked / disembarked* on an *ambitious / ambition* plan to plant three million trees. The project is *calling / called* the "City of Trees". Project director, Tony Hothersall, explained that the green *venture / adventure* had three *mainly / main* aims. He said: "One is to plant three million trees - a tree *from / for* every man, woman and child - over the next 25 years. Next, we are very much *focus / focused* on bringing existing woodland into management because there is *no / not* point in planting new woodland if you can't manage what you've got already. Finally, we want to engage people a lot more *on / in* their natural environment - in planting trees, in managing areas, and *in / on* understanding more about the benefits that trees and woodlands bring to our society."

Mr Hothersall *farther / further* outlined the *rationale / rational* behind the recently-launched environmental project. He said: "Manchester wants to be a world-class city *region / regional*. We have a lot of fantastic development *going / gone* on, but the natural environment needs to keep *down / up* with that." He believes the initiative will reconnect people with trees and the natural world, provide *benefits / beneficial* to health and reduce stress. He said: "Woodlands can do *great / greatly* things in terms *of / at* air pollution reduction and can help to *screen / scream* for noise pollution. They can also help cities and towns become more resilient to climate change both in terms of things like reducing the *urbane / urban* heat island effect and also reducing…flooding."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

Th_ c_ty _f M_nch_st_r _n _ngl_nd h_s _mb_rk_d _n _n _mb_t___s pl_n t_ pl_nt thr__ m_ll__n tr__s. Th_ pr_j_ct _s c_ll_d th_ "C_ty _f Tr__s". Pr_j_ct d_r_ct_r, T_ny H_th_rs_ll, _xpl__n_d th_t th_ gr__n v_nt_r_ h_d thr__ m__n __ms. H_ s__d: "_n_ _s t_ pl_nt thr__ m_ll__n tr__s - _ tr__ f_r _v_ry m_n, w_m_n _nd ch_ld, _v_r th_ n_xt 25 y__rs. N_xt, w_ _r_ v_ry m_ch f_c_s_d _n br_ng_ng _x_st_ng w__dl_nd _nt_ m_n_g_m_nt b_c__s_ th_r_ _s n_ p__nt _n pl_nt_ng n_w w__dl_nd _f y__ c_n't m_n_g_ wh_t y__'v_ g_t _lr__dy. F_n_lly, w_ w_nt t_ _ng_g_ p__pl_ _ l_t m_r_ _n th__r n_t_r_l _nv_r_nm_nt - _n pl_nt_ng tr__s, _n m_n_g_ng _r__s, [_nd] _n _nd_rst_nd_ng m_r_ _b__t th_ b_n_f_ts th_t tr__s _nd w__dl_nds br_ng t_ __r s_c__ty."

Mr H_th_rs_ll f_rth_r __tl_n_d th_ r_t__n_l_ b_h_nd th_ r_c_ntly-l__nch_d _nv_r_nm_nt_l pr_j_ct. H_ s__d: "M_nch_st_r w_nts t_ b_ _ w_rld-cl_ss c_ty r_g__n. W_ h_v_ _ l_t _f f_nt_st_c d_v_l_pm_nt g__ng _n, b_t th_ n_t_r_l _nv_r_nm_nt n__ds t_ k__p _p w_th th_t." H_ b_l__v_s th_ _n_t__t_v_ w_ll r_c_nn_ct p__pl_ w_th tr__s _nd th_ n_t_r_l w_rld, pr_v_d_ b_n_f_ts t_ h__lth _nd r_d_c_ str_ss. H_ s__d: "W__dl_nds c_n d_ gr__t th_ngs _n t_rms _f __r p_ll_t__n r_d_ct__n _nd c_n h_lp t_ scr__n f_r n__s_ p_ll_t__n. Th_y c_n _ls_ h_lp c_t__s _nd t_wns b_c_m_ m_r_ r_s_l__nt t_ cl_m_t_ ch_ng_ b_th _n t_rms _f th_ngs l_k_ r_d_c_ng th_ _rb_n h__t _sl_nd _ff_ct _nd _ls_ r_d_c_ng…fl__d_ng."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

the city of manchester in england has embarked on an ambitious plan to plant three million trees the project is called the "city of trees" project director tony hothersall explained that the green venture had three main aims he said "one is to plant three million trees - a tree for every man woman and child over the next 25 years next we are very much focused on bringing existing woodland into management because there is no point in planting new woodland if you can't manage what you've got already finally we want to engage people a lot more in their natural environment - in planting trees in managing areas [and] in understanding more about the benefits that trees and woodlands bring to our society"

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

ThecityofManchesterinEnglandhasembarkedonanambitiousplantoplantthreemilliontrees.Theprojectiscalledthe"CityofTrees".Projectdirector,TonyHothersall,explainedthatthegreenventurehadthreemainaims.Hesaid:"Oneistoplantthreemilliontrees-atreeforeveryman,womanandchild-overthenext25years.Next,weareverymuchfocusedonbringingexistingwoodlandintomanagementbecausethereisnopointinplantingnewwoodlandifyoucan'tmanagewhatyou'vegotalready.Finally,wewanttoengagepeoplealotmoreintheirnaturalenvironment-inplantingtrees,inmanagingareas,[and]inunderstandingmoreaboutthebenefitsthattreesandwoodlandsbringtooursociety."MrHothersallfurtheroutlinedtherationalebehindtherecently-launchedenvironmentalproject.Hesaid:"Manchesterwantstobeaworld-classcityregion.Wehavealotoffantasticdevelopmentgoingon,butthenaturalenvironmentneedstokeepupwiththat."Hebelievestheinitiativewillreconnectpeoplewithtreesandthenaturalworld,providebenefitstohealthandreducestress.Hesaid:"Woodlandscandogreatthingsintermsofairpollutionreductionandcanhelptoscreenfornoisepollution.Theycanalsohelpcitiesandtownsbecomemoreresilienttoclimatechangebothintermsofthingslikereducingtheurbanheatislandeffectandalsoreducing…flooding."

FREE WRITING

Write about **trees** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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ACADEMIC WRITING

We should stop cutting down trees and find an alternative to wood. Discuss.

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. TREES: Make a poster about trees. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. WOOD ALTERNATIVE: Write a magazine article about cutting out our reliance on wood and finding an alternative. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on trees. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how we can plant more and cut down fewer trees. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T   b F   c F   d T   e T   f T   g F   h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

1.	**embarked**	a.	started
2.	**ambitious**	b.	bold
3.	**venture**	c.	enterprise
4.	**focused**	d.	centred
5.	**benefits**	e.	advantages
6.	**rationale**	f.	logic
7.	**fantastic**	g.	marvellous
8.	**reduce**	h.	lower
9.	**in terms of**	i.	regarding
10.	**resilient**	j.	tough

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Ambitious
2. Three
3. 25
4. Their natural environment
5. Benefits
6. The rationale behind the project
7. A world-class city
8. Trees
9. Noise pollution
10. Urban heat island effect

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. d   2. b   3. d   4. c   5. d   6. c   7. a   8. c   9. b   10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)