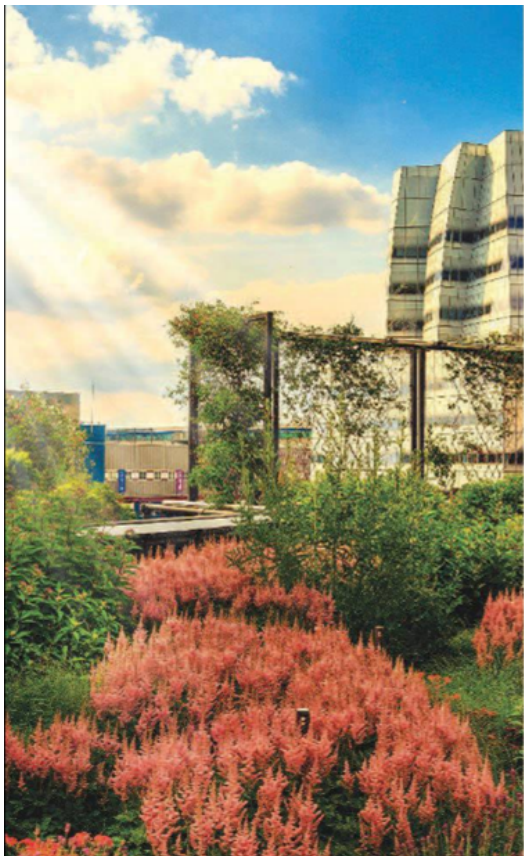


Task 1: Read the article and write the vocabulary words into the green spaces next to their definition.



Changing Cities

By the year 2050, 66% of the people on Earth will live in large cities. That's around two-thirds of the world's **population**. Most of these people will live in tall apartment buildings, so it makes sense to **design** those buildings in ways that are good for the environment. Gardens on top of buildings, for example, save energy for heating and cooling. They are also a comfortable place for people to spend time—away from the **traffic** on the **noisy** city streets below.

Walking from place to place is a big part of city life. However, when **pedestrians** need to walk across streets, there can be problems. One solution to these problems are the "X-crossings" found in Tokyo, Japan and other cities. There, when the light turns red, all of the cars, buses, and other **vehicles** must stop. Then, the pedestrians can cross in any direction. Another solution could be **neighborhoods** with more shops and restaurants on every block. This makes it easier for people to walk to the places they need to go.

Every big city needs good ways for people to get around. In the future, more cities will have as many kinds of public **transportation** as Hong Kong. With more than seven **million** people in a fairly small area, Hong Kong is a **crowded** place. So, in addition to cars and taxis, Hong Kong residents ride buses, trains, boats, and streetcars—all good ways to get around the city.

1. Population	all of the people who live in a certain area
2. neighborhoods	parts of a city where people live
3. vehicles	machines, such as cars or trucks, that carry people or things from place to place
4. Pedestrians	people who are walking
5. Noisy	full of loud sounds
6. Traffic	all of the vehicles moving on the roads in an area
7. crowded	full of people
8. Design	plan how something should be
9. transportation	all the ways of taking people or things from one place to another
10. million	the number 1,000,000

Task 2: Now, discuss these questions with your partners. You do NOT need to write.

- What is the approximate **population** of your city or town?
- In your city is there a lot of **traffic**?
- What **neighborhoods** of your city are more **crowded**?
- Do you think your city is **designed** for **pedestrians**? Why or why not?
- Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future of your city? Why?