Listen to the conversation. Read the sentences. Then listen again and check true or false.

Example: Sandra is planning a trip to the city.

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<td>2. It really bugs Sandra when people bump into her on the street.</td>
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<td>3. Matt thinks city people are impolite and discourteous.</td>
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<td>4. Matt thinks it is inconsiderate when people litter.</td>
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Write the antonym of each adjective below. Use the negative prefixes from the box.

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Complete each sentence with a word or phrase from the box. Make changes as necessary.

- beautify your town
- donate your organs
- clean up litter
- volunteer

Example: “Beautify your town” by planting trees or flowers where there are none.”

11. “Mike __________________ at a hospital. He doesn’t get paid for his work; he does it because community service is important to him.”

12. “Have you ever considered __________________ so that you could save the lives of others after you die?”

13. “It’s important not to leave any trash behind and to __________________ left lying around.”

Complete each sentence in your own way. Use possessives with gerunds.

Example: My husband’s smoking really bothers me.

14. __________________ really ticks me off.
15. __________________ gets on my nerves.
16. __________________ really bugs me.
Combine each pair of sentences into one new sentence. Use a possessive with a gerund.

Example: They laughed during the wedding. I didn’t like it.

I didn’t like their laughing during the wedding.

17. Jacob moved out of the city. He says that it is the best thing he has ever done for himself.

18. Maria smokes. Her boyfriend is getting worried about it.

19. They argue. I think it’s getting worse and worse.

20. Chris talks on his cell phone during meetings. His boss is really getting annoyed by it.

Combine each pair of sentences into one new sentence. Use the words in the box.

either . . . or neither . . . nor not only . . . but also

Example: You may smoke in the lounge. You may smoke outside.

You may smoke either in the lounge or outside.

21. Driving in the city is not convenient. Driving in the city is not enjoyable.

22. You can help your community by volunteering your time. If you are too busy, you can donate money.

23. Smoke-filled rooms are unpleasant. Smoke-filled rooms are unhealthy.

24. The traffic was terrible. The weather was awful.
Read the article. Then read it again and circle the letter of the correct answer.

"Advancements" in Transportation
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In the late 1980s, the city of Beijing had six million cyclists and only a few thousand cars. There were wide cycle lanes and plenty of convenient parking for bicycles. If your bicycle got a flat tire, there were sidewalk repair shops everywhere. Everything—from food and clothing to heavy items like refrigerators and washing machines—was delivered either by bicycle or by some other vehicle without a motor. Consequently, the air was free of the pollution that makes most modern cities so unpleasant and unhealthy.

In Beijing today, bicycles have been joined by over a million cars, trucks, and motorbikes. The air quality is no longer acceptable, and there are now sidewalk "oxygen bars" for people who are having trouble breathing. Accidents are not only more common but also more serious, often involving severe injury. Overcrowded streets make city travel slower than it used to be in the days when the bicycle was the main form of transportation.

All over Asia, people have been giving up their clean, safe, and convenient bicycles and purchasing motor vehicles. The result has been an increase in pollution, accidents, and traffic jams. It happened in Bangkok and Jakarta and now it is happening in Beijing. Will any of these cities reverse this trend and bring back the bicycle? Whatever happens, one thing is clear: There must be a solution to the transportation problem if the megacities of the future are to be livable.

Example: Which of the following is a main idea of this article?
   a. Transportation in megacities is improving.
   b. It is difficult to cure breathing problems.
   c. Bicycles are not only convenient but also safe.

25. Which statement is true, according to the first paragraph?
   a. Not only food and clothing but also heavy items such as washing machines were delivered by bicycle in Beijing.
   b. Heavy items must be delivered by vehicles with motors.
   c. Motor vehicles are useful for delivering heavy items.

26. According to the article, which statement about Beijing in the 1980s is true?
   a. Bicycle parking was inconvenient.
   b. The air quality was acceptable.
   c. The air was unhealthy and unpleasant.
27. Which statement about Beijing is now true, according to the article?
   a. Road accidents are more common but not more serious.
   b. Road accidents are more serious but not more common.
   c. Road accidents are more common and more serious.

28. Which statement best describes the effect of motor vehicles on Beijing?
   a. Motor vehicles have made Beijing not only dirtier but also more dangerous.
   b. Motor vehicles have made Beijing neither dirtier nor more dangerous.
   c. Motor vehicles have made Beijing either dirtier or more dangerous.

29. According to the article, what has happened in Beijing since cars became popular there?
   a. Traffic has decreased.
   b. The air quality has become unacceptable.
   c. Transportation is now faster.

30. Which of the following best describes the condition of Beijing’s streets today, according to the article?
   a. They have wide cycle lanes.
   b. They have plenty of convenient parking spots.
   c. They are overcrowded.

Choose one of the following topics to write about. Write a paragraph of at least four to five sentences.

- What kinds of behaviors in public places bother you most? Describe the behaviors and explain why they irritate you so much.
- Which urban problems do you think are the most serious? Explain. Use some of the words from the box.

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