

- 1** A: Where did you go on holiday last summer?
B: I went to Paris.
A: What's it like?
B: It's wonderful. But it has a traffic problem. There are lots of traffic jams and pollution from exhaust fumes.
A: How did you get around?
B: I always used the Velib scheme. It's a scheme they introduced in 2007 to improve the traffic problem. You can use a city bicycle.
A: How much does it cost?
B: It's free for the first 30 minutes and then €1 a day.
A: What are the bicycles like?
B: They are all grey and have a basket and are very heavy.
A: Do people think it's a good idea?
B: People say that it won't solve the traffic problem, but it might help reduce pollution levels.

- 2** A: What can ordinary people do to improve the environment?
B: Lots of things. Sometimes they're only little things, but they might make a difference.
A: Yes, for example there is a lot of litter in the streets.
B: People should pick their litter up.
A: Recycling is very important. If we recycle bottles and tins, there will be less rubbish.
B: I think the most important thing is to reduce pollution levels in the atmosphere. More people should use bicycles.
A: Yes, I agree, but cycling is dangerous in big cities. We need more cycle lanes.
B: Cycling might help people be healthier too.
A: What about water? We shouldn't waste water.
B: No, people should be more careful with water. In many parts of the world there isn't enough clean drinking water.

- 3** A: Where are you going on holiday this year?
B: We're not sure, but we might go to Scotland.
A: Take a jumper then. It may be a little cold.
B: I won't enjoy the holiday if it's cold.
A: Maybe you shouldn't go to Scotland then.
B: I won't go to Scotland unless the weather forecast is excellent.
A: The problem with Scotland is that the weather forecast is always unreliable. Sometimes they say it will be sunny, but then it rains.
B: You never know, it might be hot and sunny all August.
A: Yes, Scotland is full of surprises. Anyway, you'll never know what it's like if you don't go.
B: That's true. I'll go if you come with me.

- 4** A: What's your home town like?
B: It's an attractive place, but it's quite boring.
A: What do you do in the evenings?
B: We hang around in the park or the streets.
A: Isn't it cold in the winter?
B: Yes, it is. And teenagers cause problems if they don't have anything to do. We need more clubs for teenagers.
A: Are there any sports facilities?
B: Yes, there are, but only for football and tennis. We need places to go skateboarding, ice skating and rollerblading.
A: Why don't you ask the town council to improve life in your town for teenagers?
B: Yes, unless they improve things, teenagers will leave the town as soon as possible.