

## 'Green-based' urban growth



ACTIVITIES

### READING COMPREHENSION

**1** Read the article 'Green-based' urban growth (page 45) and complete the following sentences by putting one or more words in each gap.

- 1 Environmentalists are getting more and more \_\_\_\_\_ about the growth of cities which leads to greater \_\_\_\_\_ and fewer \_\_\_\_\_ landscapes.
- 2 Various campaigns are being organised by \_\_\_\_\_ and public officials in order to change the way land is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Several programmes \_\_\_\_\_ developed recently by APA to support these kinds of initiatives.
- 4 According to APA, planning laws should take into account that for \_\_\_\_\_, land has become more valuable and that the planning process is \_\_\_\_\_.

**2** Read the article again and explain in your own words the meaning of the following expressions in bold taken from the text.

Local environmental activism is **getting a new lease of life**: *has found new enthusiasm and popularity*

- 1 Millions of people see the effects of sprawl **paving over the natural landscape**: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 **Desperate for solutions**: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 **A recently completed seven-year project**: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Most of the planning statutes in effect in the United States **date from** two model planning and zoning laws adopted in the 1920s: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 **Not merely** as a commodity to be bought and sold: \_\_\_\_\_

### VOCABULARY

**3** Match the following words referring to the environment with their definitions.

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| 1 environmentalist   | a <input type="checkbox"/> the natural environment where an animal or a plant lives     |
| 2 activism           | b <input type="checkbox"/> vehicles blocked along roads                                 |
| 3 natural landscape  | c <input type="checkbox"/> a person who tries to protect human activity                 |
| 4 traffic congestion | d <input type="checkbox"/> a person who tries to protect the environment for the future |
| 5 aesthetic blight   | e <input type="checkbox"/> deterioration of the environment relating to its beauty      |
| 6 habitat            | f <input type="checkbox"/> a large area in the countryside                              |
| 7 conservationist    | g <input type="checkbox"/> political or social action in order to reach a result        |