



DESCRIBING YOUR AREA/ NEIGHBOURHOOD



WORKSHEET

EXERCISE 1

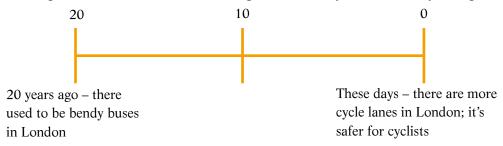
- a. Work with a partner. Discuss the questions.
 - Where do you live? How long have you lived there?
 - How has your city changed since you've lived there?
 - Do you think these changes have been good or bad?
 - Tell your partner two facts about your city that were true in the past but are false now.

EXERCISE 2

- a. Listen to Dan describing changes to his city. Answer the questions.
 - 1. Where does Dan live at the moment?
 - 2. What changes to the city does Dan describe?
 - 3. Does Dan think that these changes are beneficial for the city?
- b. Listen again. Make notes in the table about the following topics.

Information about Dan	lived in London since mid-2000s
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Changes to the roads	more cycle lanes
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Changes to the train network	• improved
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Other changes	•
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c. Work with a partner. Create a timeline of changes described by Dan, from 20 years ago until now.



Did you find it hard to add some changes to your timeline? If so, why?





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EXERCISE 3

a. Work with a partner. Add these phrases from th	e text to the correct colu	umn in the table. Com	ipare your answers wit
another pair.			

The city's changed quite a lot... Back then... Now...

The city didn't use to be very cycle-friendly these days

Changes over time	Past habits	Time markers (past and present)

- b. Add more ideas to the table. Use the transcript to help you.
- c. Read these two extracts from the text. What is the purpose of the phrases in bold?

This is partly **due to** the congestion charge

Less cars means more space for bikes, so I'm not complaining!

d. Complete the paragraph below to describe a way your own town or city has changed. Share your idea with a partner.

In my town/city there used/didn't use to be ______. These days ______.

This is due to / This means _____.

EXERCISE 4

a. Analyse how your town or city has changed in the last 10-20 years. Make notes in the box. Use language from the table in 3a to help you. If you need ideas, chose a general topic from the ideas below.

transport/infrastructure people nightlife technology

Notes

- b. Work with a partner. Describe how your town/city has changed. When you finish, discuss the questions.
 - Did your partner mention any similar changes to you?
 - Which change do you think has had the biggest impact on your city?