How Mongolia is helping its nomads adapt to big city life

Level 1 • Pre-intermediate / Intermediate

KEY

1 Warmer

1. Ulaanbaatar
2. yurt (ger in Mongolian)
3. Genghis Kahn

2 Key words

1. framework
2. insulating
3. herder
4. plain
5. nomadic
6. densely populated
7. fixed
8. empire
9. pride
10. shelter

3 Comprehension check

1. T
2. T
3. F – Mongolia is the least densely populated country in the world.
4. T
5. F – There is no central heating in the gers, so people burn large amounts of coal for heat.
6. F – It is one of the most polluted cities in the world.
7. F – It is a large community place where the families of nomadic herders can meet (but not live).
8. T

4 Matching

1. d
2. b
3. c
4. f
5. a
6. e

6 Webquest

Teacher’s note: This task could easily be set as group work or homework. If you’d like the students to hold short presentations, you could divide the headings between the students. That way, you end up with one longer presentation, instead of many short ones that would likely become repetitive.