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Tuesday English News Report: Broadcast Date: Oct 29th, 2019

What has been in the news recently?

Part I: Listen to the news item below being read out and fill in the missing words.

What is the secret to Hong Kong's high life expectancy?

The **dense, compact** environment – with easy (1) _____ to medical facilities – combined with the traditional Chinese culture of caring for the elderly have contributed to its population living to a ripe old age. But can it (2) _____ the title of highest expectancy in the world?

Persistent social unrest, growing financial inequality and choking urban density might not be (3) _____ usually associated with longevity, but despite the troubles currently **gripping** the city, Hong Kong has the highest life expectancy in the world.

According to the United Nations Vital Statistics Summary and Life Expectancy at Birth for 2016 – the most recent data available – Hong Kong women live, on (4) _____, to 87.3 years of age and men to 81.3, beating such places as Japan and Italy, which are (5) _____ for longevity.

Hong Kong (6) _____ from many aspects of its urban density, and Woo suggests the **legacy** of British colonial rule has left many well-designed Hong Kong neighbourhoods.

“Sha Tin is an example of good design,” says Woo, a professor of geriatrics at Chinese University. “It was just swamps before and later was purpose-built. There is a river and everyone walks by it, there are green spaces, parks and the public housing is very good. “Our green space is not empty like a football field, there are things in it. You can (7) _____, do physical activity and you can rest your eyes. It isn't just buildings higgledy-piggledy like a maze. It affects air (8) _____ as there is good airflow.” “There is a wet market, little shops, a clinic next door and it is a transport (9) _____,” Woo says. “The elderly don't get **isolated** as everyone greets them. They go out every day; they don't want to stay at home because it is (10) _____ so they get exercise, sunlight and no vitamin D **deficiency**.” Woo also points out that the built environment is concentrated, meaning Hongkongers can walk places, or even go hiking on the city's many trails.

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Thinking corner:



Do you think it is good to have a long life expectancy? What are the possible consequences or issues for a society in people living longer?

Part II: Who or what is in the news?



(1) Why has this man been in the news? _____

(2) What was the truck used to do? _____

(3) What happened to the 'goods' inside the truck? _____

(4) What issue does this highlight? _____



(1) In which South American country have they recently been having protests? _____

(2) What sparked (started) the protests? _____

(3) What is the main issue? _____

Part III: Vocabulary and understanding meaning: Match the meaning and/or synonym (words with a similar or the same meaning) to the words which have been taken from the news items this month.

Column A: Word from news	Letter	Column B: Meaning or synonym
1. dense / compact (adj)		A: to never give up, to keep going even when the going gets tough
2. persistent (adj)		B: far away from other places, buildings, or people; remote
3. grip (v)		C: something that is a part of your history or that remains from an earlier time
4. legacy (n)		D: closely together
5. isolated (adj)		E: a lack of or a shortage of / not enough / insufficient
6. deficiency (adj)		F: take and keep a firm hold of; grasp tightly.

*** Keep your eye on the news!** 