

# The Inner City

This section is about the inner city areas.

The inner city area is next to the CBD. It is an old part of the city.

The rows of terraced houses were built very close together.

Photograph 1 shows the inner city area of Glasgow about sixty years ago. Many inner city areas are still crowded. They are not what people want today. These parts of the city have to change.

Many buildings in the inner city have been knocked down, and many parts are being cleaned up.

If too many people move out to the suburbs, the cities will keep growing outwards into the countryside and take over land for farming.

Photograph 2 shows the same inner city area of Glasgow today.

The inner city areas of big cities have had plenty of problems. There is much crime and some of the buildings are left empty. There is also a lot of waste land.

But things are changing.

## Activity A

- Write three sentences about Photograph 1.
- Match the letters on Photograph 2 with these words.  
sky / high-rise flats / terraced homes / trees / path

## Activity B

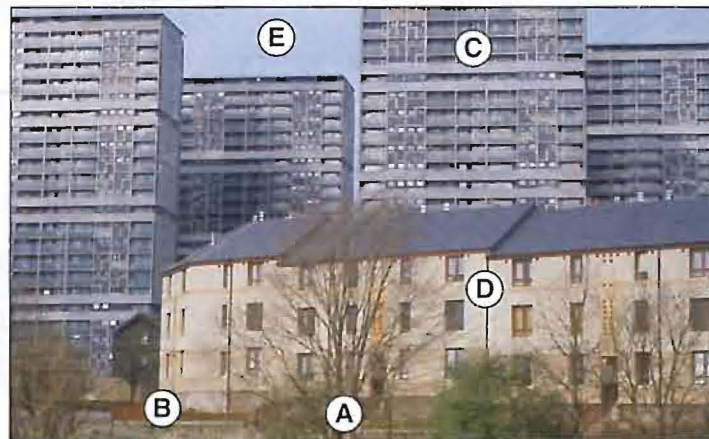
Copy and complete these sentences.

- Most of the houses in the inner city are (detached / terraced houses).
- Most of the buildings in the inner city are (old / new).

Photograph 1



Photograph 2



## Activity C

Look at Photographs 1 and 2.

- Name two things you can see in both photographs.
- Name two things you can see in Photograph 2 that are not in Photograph 1.
- Write down two sentences to explain how this part of the city has changed.

## Activity D

- Draw a sketch of Photograph 2.
- Label your sketch to show the changes in this part of the city.

- Can people like you and me change parts of the city?  
This section shows you how.

Knocking down old buildings and building new ones is called **redevelopment**. All redevelopment has to be **planned**.

The people who live in the city have a right to say how it will be redeveloped. They do this by choosing or **voting** for the person they want to speak for them. This person is called a **councillor**.

The councillors meet and talk about the way they think the city can be developed. This is called **local government**. If people do not like what the councillors want to do, they can speak to them about it and try to change things.

Figure 1 shows some of these people at work.

Photograph 3



## Activity E

Look at Figure 1 and match these words with the sentences below.

A councillor / A planner / An architect / A highway engineer / A builder

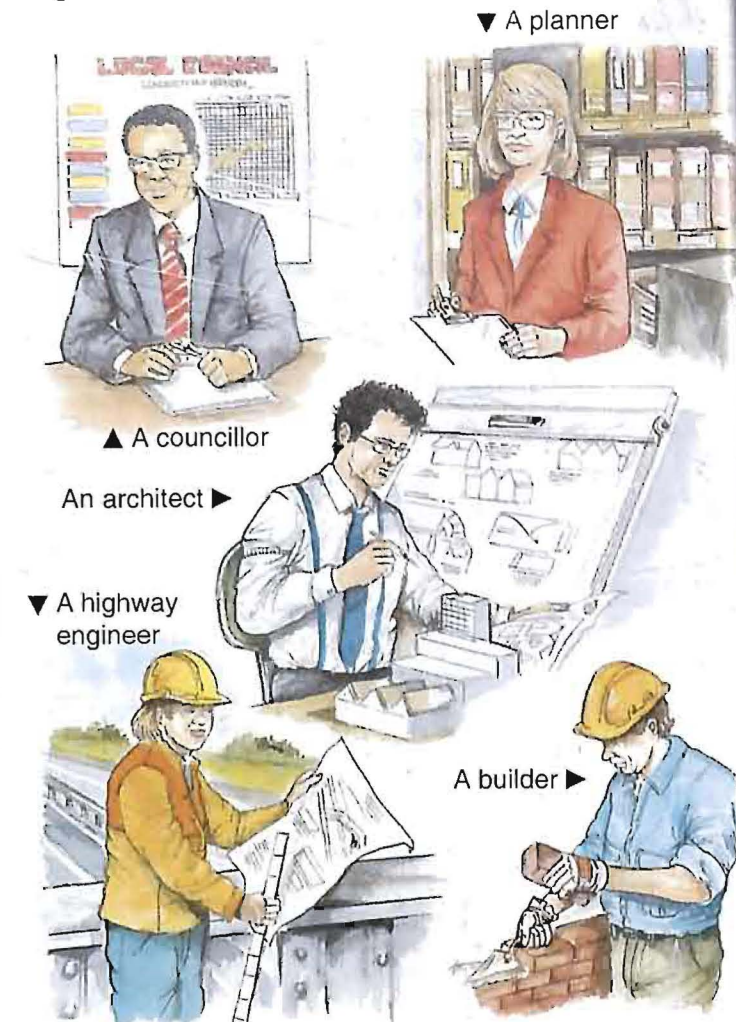
Answer like this: 1 A councillor is elected by the people.

- \_\_\_\_\_ is elected by the people.
- \_\_\_\_\_ looks after the running of our roads.
- \_\_\_\_\_ builds houses, shops and offices.
- \_\_\_\_\_ plans where the buildings are located.
- \_\_\_\_\_ makes the drawings for a new building.

## Activity G

- Look at Photograph 3 and write down three changes you could make to this part of the city.
- Write down how each change would make the city better.

Figure 1



## Activity F

- Copy this plan of a town.
- Plan the town by completing the key. Use different colours for each part of the key.
- Write about six sentences to say why you planned the town in the way you have.

