

## Athens Urban Pressures Answer Key

1. It means many people live in a small area and share limited space and services.
2. Warm weather traps polluted air near the ground, making pollution worse.
3. It could reduce the number of cars on the road, lower pollution, and ease traffic.
4. Answers will vary but should include reasoning based on the passage.
5. Evidence includes the crowded streets, many cars and buses, and the statement that congestion slows daily travel.

### Teacher's Guide

#### Purpose

- Develop reading comprehension and critical thinking skills in grades 7 to 10.
- Help students understand urban issues related to population, pollution, and transportation in Athens.

#### Instructional Tips

- Review vocabulary such as population density, pollution, and congestion before reading.
- Read the passage aloud and pause to discuss each major challenge.
- Encourage students to use evidence from the passage when answering questions.

#### Differentiation

- Allow struggling learners to answer the first question as a class before working independently.
- Challenge advanced learners to propose realistic solutions for each urban problem.