

Urban farming on the rooftops of Southeast Asian cities

Reading · B2 · Article

1 Multiple Choice

- 1 **d**
The passage says 'Residents grow vegetables on building tops where ground space is scarce' and 'This approach makes good use of empty spaces in busy areas.'
- 2 **c**
The passage says 'The plants absorb rainwater and reduce flooding on streets during heavy rains.'
- 3 **b**
The passage says 'In one Bangkok project, families share the work and divide the vegetables at the end of each season.'
- 4 **c**
The passage says 'The project started with a few families and grew into a business that employs several workers' and 'This shows how urban farms can create jobs while meeting the demand for local food in crowded areas.'
- 5 **a**
The passage says 'In several cities, local authorities now offer advice and small grants to help new projects start.'

2 True / False / Not Given

- 1 **True**
In Jakarta, community groups have set up gardens that provide fresh produce to nearby shops.
- 2 **Not Given**
The passage does not mention who started the farm in Manila.
- 3 **True**
In one Bangkok project, families share the work and divide the vegetables at the end of each season.
- 4 **False**
The project started with a few families and grew into a business that employs several workers.

3 Short Answer

- 1 *Possible answers: Jakarta*
The passage states 'In Jakarta, community groups have set up gardens that provide fresh produce to nearby shops.'

2 *Possible answers:* **Manila**

The passage states 'A farm in Manila uses recycled bottles for planting, which cuts down on waste.'

3 *Possible answers:* **Bangkok**

The passage states 'In one Bangkok project, families share the work and divide the vegetables at the end of each season.'

4 *Possible answers:* **Singapore**

The passage states 'One successful example is a large rooftop garden in Singapore that supplies herbs to local restaurants.'

4 Cause & Effect

1-D: A farm in Manila uses recycled bottles for planting. → Waste is cut down.

2-A: Community groups have set up gardens in Jakarta. → Fresh produce is provided to nearby shops.

3-B: Residents grow vegetables on building tops. → Temperatures inside the buildings are lowered.

4-C: The plants absorb rainwater. → Flooding on streets during heavy rains is reduced.

5 Note Completion

- 1 **wildlife**
- 2 **rainwater**
- 3 **vegetables**
- 4 **restaurants**