

UNIT 13

Structures and plans

Section I Vocabulary



A. Read the text and look at the pictures.

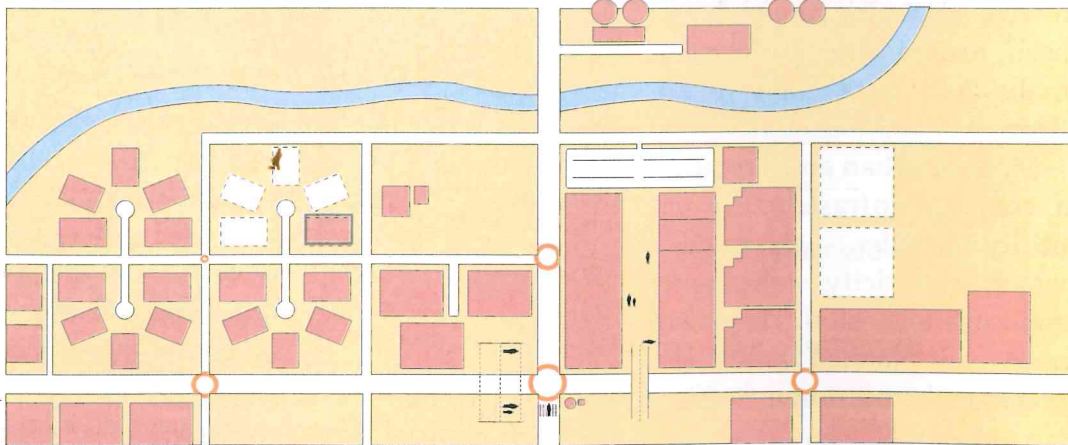
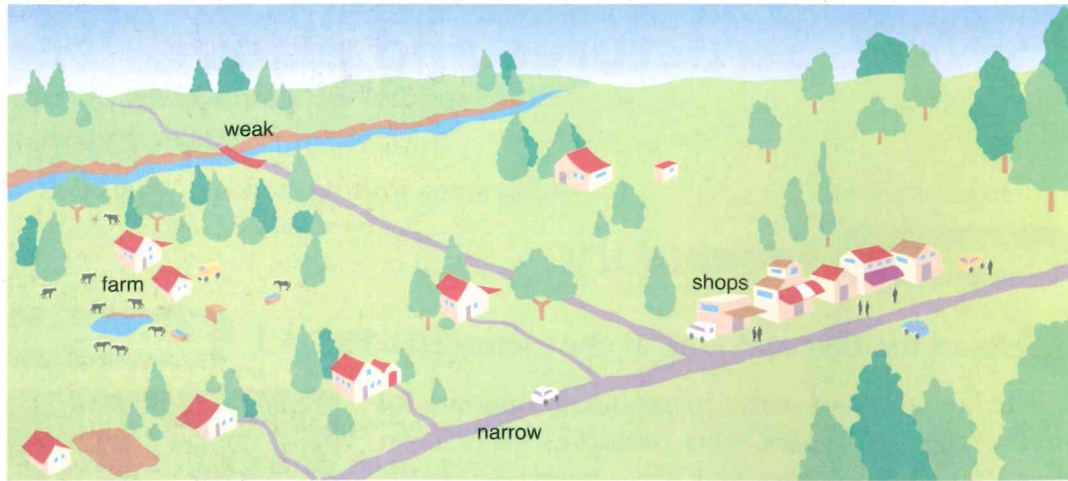
habitat, peyza
The landscape of many places has changed a lot in the last fifty years. Old buildings have been **demolished** or **modernized**. Trees have been felled to make space for new buildings. The ground has been cleared and the new buildings have been **constructed**. Many modern towns have **industrial areas** with **factories**, **residential areas** with **apartment buildings** and **housing developments**, and **commercial areas** with **shopping malls** and **office complexes**. *merkez*



In some towns, roads have been **widened** and bridges **strengthened**. **Pedestrians** have to use bridges, **underpasses** or **crosswalks** to get to the other side of the road. In other towns, shopping areas have been **turned into** pedestrian malls and cars have been **banned**. *kentseleschisi*

Modern **urban** areas require a complex **infrastructure** of **utility** supplies such as gas, water, electricity, telephone and cable television. They also need well-planned roads for **access** and **cross-town traffic**. *kam u hi emelvi, yarerli*





B. Complete the sentences. Use the words in the box.

apartment / housing / office / industrial / pedestrian / crosswalks / shopping

1. The small houses have been demolished and a modern apartment building has been constructed.

2. This town has been zoned. All the factories are in an industrial area.
3. Cars should be banned from this area. It should be a pedestrian mall.
4. There aren't enough crosswalk on this busy road.
5. This office complex has many facilities for staff; a restaurant, a sports center, underground parking.
6. I don't want to live in a housing development. I prefer to live in the country.
7. I have to get presents for the whole family. Let's go to the shopping mall.



C. Make each adjective into a verb.

Adjective	Verb	Adjective	Verb
wide	widen	tight	tighten
deep	deepen	short	shorten
hard	harden	weak	weaken
soft	soften	strong*	strengthen
flat	flatten	long*	lengthen
rough	roughen	rich*	enrich
light	lighten	large*	enlarge
dark	darken	sure*	ensure
loose	loosen		

*Be careful!



Section 2 Reading

Progress report on Housing Project: Block 43 East

We have made a lot of progress on the project in spite of the bad weather. We have demolished all the old farm buildings. We have also felled the trees on the site, cleared the ground and flattened it.

We have completed the first group of ten houses although we still have to do a small amount of internal finishing work. With the second group of ten houses, we have put on the roofs and fitted the windows and doors. We have taken down the scaffolding. However, we have not finished the internal electrical work yet.

We have laid the foundations for the third group of houses. We have erected the scaffolding but we have fallen behind the schedule on these ten houses. These houses are now

holding up the whole project. We still have to put on the roofs and fit the doors and windows. I have employed extra workmen to try to make up some of the lost time, but we cannot now finish the project on October 15th as planned.

There is one other problem. Although we have constructed all the access roads, we have not surfaced any of them yet. We have had a big problem getting delivery of the asphalt but that has now arrived and the work will be carried out next week.

To sum up, I estimate that we will be approximately three weeks late signing off the project, assuming that we do not encounter bad weather during the next two months.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Demolish farm buildings								
Fell trees								
Clear ground								
Flatten ground								
Lay foundation				Group 1				Group 2
Put up scaffolding					Group 1			
Build walls						Group 1		

Figure 1: Gantt chart for project to build 30 houses

A. Choose the best answer in each case.

- The word *felled* means:
 - fallen down
 - feel bad
 - burnt
 - cut down
- The houses in Group 2 do not have:
 - a roof
 - lights and power
 - windows
 - doors
- The most serious problem is with:
 - the second group of houses
 - the third group of houses
 - the asphalt
 - the access roads
- Asphalt* is used to:
 - connect utilities
 - surface roads
 - construct roads
 - construct houses
- This project should be finished:
 - three weeks after October 15th
 - on October 15th
 - in two months
 - two months after October 15th

B. Study the following example sentences.

Talking about progress and lack of progress

We **have cleared** the ground (so now we can flatten it).
 We **have erected** the scaffolding (so now we can use it).
 We **have not** finished the electrical work **yet**.
 We **have not** surfaced the roads **yet**.
 We **still have to do** a lot of work.
 We **still have to surface** the roads.

C. Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

- We have ^{felled} fallen all the trees and cleared the site.
- We have been put on the roofs.
- We have not surfaced the access roads still. ^{yet}
- We still have finish the electrical work. ^{to}
- We yet have to put on the roofs. ^{still}



Section 3 Listening

A. Listen and complete the summary of the reading text in Section 2. Write one word in each space.

We have made a lot of _____. We have demolished all the old farm buildings, cleared and flattened the site. We have _____ the first group of houses although we _____ have a small amount of internal finishing work. There is one problem. Although we have _____ all the access roads, we have not surfaced any of them _____.



B. Listen to the conversation. When can they sign off the project?

On the _____.



C. Listen again. Complete the progress report with dates in the correct place.

Action	Completed on	To be completed on
Put on roof		
Take down scaffolding		
Finish electrical fittings		
Do painting		