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Vocabulary Test About TOWNS AND VILLAGES Choose The Right Answer MCQ Exercise 131

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Explanations

1. Our village is so _____ that some of the houses are very far apart.
✓ **D) spread out**
Spread out means covering a large area, with spaces between the parts: **The farms are spread out across the valley.** Here the houses are far apart, so the village is spread out. **Diffused** is used for light or ideas, and **extended** means made longer, so neither describes a village.

2. Modern buildings should _____ with the surrounding area.
✓ **A) blend in**
Blend in (with) means to look natural next to the things around you and not stand out: **The new houses blend in with the old village.** Not **match** or **suit**, because they take a direct object (**match the area**) and are not followed by **with** here.

3. Since they built the car factory, a lot of new houses have _____ in the district.
✓ **D) sprung up**
Spring up means to appear or be built suddenly and quickly: **New cafés have sprung up all over town.** The other verbs (**hop**, **jump**, **leap**) don't form this phrasal verb about buildings.

4. The new town hasn't the usual _____ yet, but a theatre, cinema and library are under construction.
✓ **B) amenities**
Amenities are useful public places and services that make a town pleasant to live in, such as theatres, cinemas, libraries and parks. Not **conveniences**, which usually means useful devices in a home (**modern conveniences**) or, in British English, public toilets.

5. When the capital got too crowded, they had to build new towns to take the _____.
✓ **C) overspill**
Overspill means the extra people who move out of a crowded city to live somewhere else: **new towns built to take London's overspill. Overstock** means too many goods in a shop, and **overrun** means going past a time limit or being invaded.

6. The monastery is on the _____ of the town.
✓ **B) outskirts**
The outskirts are the outer parts of a town, far from the centre. We say **on the outskirts of the town**. Not **suburbs**, because we say **in the suburbs**, not **on the suburbs of**.

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