



Comment on the following questions:

- *What is a coal-fired power station?*
- *What do you think represents the Battersea Power Station?*

Vocabulary overview

- *Match as many words and phrases as you can, this exercise will help you to develop your reading. Check it out after seeing the words in context.*

1- rendering	a) to spread or develop without restraint
2- purpose-built	b) in a competent way, suitably, fittingly.
3- pivot	c) to take or include as a part.
4- decommissioned	d) tract of land that has been developed for industrial purposes.
5- embraced	e) built for a specific purpose.
6- greenery	f) place or part of a place especially small or remote
7- defunct	g) a person, thing or factor having a major or central role.
8- brownfield	h) mentioned previously.
9- amenity	i) green leaves or plants.
10- sprawling	j) no longer living, existing or functioning.
11- aptly	k) space that provides comfort pleasure and enjoyment.
12- aforementioned	l) to remove a ship, nuclear power plant etc., from service.
13- nook and cranny	m) view, depiction, representation.

A glance at an aerial **rendering** of the 42-acre Battersea Power Station redevelopment — a project centred around the London industrial icon and its four tall white chimneys—reveals that green will reign supreme at the site next to the river Thames in southwest London.

Green roofs, roof gardens, public parks and even a new **purpose-built** home for a pair of peregrine falcons that were, until recently, the sole residents of the site, mark a **pivot** from the long **decommissioned** coal-fired power station's. "The industrial heritage of the power station is hugely important to us, It's important that the power station—which was once responsible for producing one-fifth of the city's electricity—is remembered and



embraced", said Simon Murphy, CEO of Battersea Power Station Development Co., the developers behind the project. "Introducing **greenery** into the surrounding space helps to merge the history and heritage of the site with its future as a new London destination that is open to all," he said.

Defunct for more than 30 years, the plant is at the centre of the £9 billion (US\$11.25 billion) wider project comprising the transformation of the station itself into a mixed-use building, along with new additions to the formerly industrial **brownfield** site, including three other multi-use schemes, parks, cultural spaces and a new underground train station.

The first scheme on site was completed in 2017 and is now home to 1,000 residents, with the others, along with the tube station, and is set to be completed by 2021. The latest green **amenity** to be revealed at the Battersea project is the **sprawling** undulating roof garden at the **aptly** named Battersea Roof Gardens, one of the **aforementioned** upcoming mixed-use buildings, it will be home to apartments, stores and a new 167-bedroom hotel upon completion in 2021. At more than 1,100 feet long, the roof garden is set to be one of the largest in London.



As part of the roof, they're incorporating picnic spots, sun decks, fitness areas, and "spaces to congregate and gather. Those areas will be supplemented with quiet spaces. "If you've got an hour to spare, but you don't want to sit in your flat, we created these **nooks and crannies** where people can sit and be surrounded by horticulture and sense and smell the beauty that is sometimes forgotten in development terms."

The entire development will eventually have 4,239 new homes—a mix of apartments, penthouses and townhouses—and for those choosing to move in, the greenery will be a big draw, according to Emily Williams, a residential research analyst. "People place "green living" among their top priorities when they choose a new-build home," she said. "It's not just developers thinking they'll do it for show. There's a shift in consumer demand." And people are willing to pay a premium for the amenity, too. Across all types of property in central London, there's a value premium of up to 44% if a home has access to a park or garden, Ms Williams said. "Cities are the biggest growth areas for population, and they're becoming increasingly dense, but with that large population, people are thinking 'how do we make these places liveable and enjoyable?'," she said. "Green space is becoming an increasingly important part of that vision."

Reading Comprehension

A Decide if the following statements are true (T) or false (F) according to the reading.

1. Green spaces are not an important concern in the new redevelopment project related to the Battersea Power Station. _____
2. The previous presence of a pair of peregrine falcons was a problem due to the refurbishment works. _____
3. Battersea Power Station lay abandoned for more than thirty years. _____
4. One of the pleasant environments to enjoy is the extensive gardens at the "Battersea Roof Gardens", one of the complex's buildings. _____

B Choose the best answer according to the reading.

1 Simon Murphy says that the power station produced one-fifth of the city's electricity.

- a) The above-mentioned fact is barely relevant to the project.
- b) It's important for the industrial heritage, but must not be remembered.
- c) Greenery spaces help to merge the history and heritage of the site.

2 What can people do if they want to spend time out of their flats?

- a) Visiting stores in the nearby buildings.
- b) Devote time to horticulture
- c) Enjoy spaces to rest, congregate, have a sun bath

C For the next two questions, look for the answers in the reading and write them below.

a) Apart from introducing greenery in the area what other spaces and transport services are included in the Battersea Power Station project?

b) According to Emily Williams, what are people's priorities when deciding to buy a new-build home?