


## Before you watch


A Label the pictures with the correct words. Then compare with a partner.

a bike lane	c collision	e parking space	g pollution
b car exhaust	d commuters	f pedestrian	h traffic


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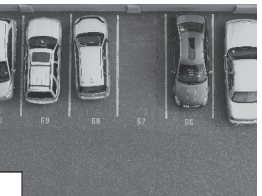
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B **PAIR WORK** What do you think about the special lanes for bicyclists that are found in many cities? What are some advantages and some problems with them? Discuss your ideas.

## While you watch

A Who would agree with each statement? Check (✓) the correct answers.



	Commuter	Store owner	Sonia	Diego
1 Bike lanes are bad for business.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 A lot more people are getting hit by bikes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Bike lanes reduce traffic and therefore pollution.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 Bike lanes make it possible to avoid traffic and go faster.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 Bike lanes reduce the number of parking spaces.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 People don't hear bikes and don't step out of the way.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**B** Circle the correct answers.

- 1 What is Danielle reporting on?  
a traffic accidents      b bike lanes in Brooklyn      c air pollution
- 2 How often does the commuter use bike lanes?  
a once in a while      b every other day      c most days
- 3 When does the commuter not ride his bike to work?  
a on Mondays      b when it rains      c in the winter
- 4 What does the store owner sell?  
a refrigerators      b cars      c bicycles
- 5 According to Diego, collisions are increasing between whom?  
a bicyclists and pedestrians      b drivers and pedestrians      c bicyclists and drivers

**C** Write T (true) or F (false).

- 1 The store owner thinks that she'll get new customers who ride bikes. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Sonia Green wants more bike lanes. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Sonia says one problem with bikes is that they can be expensive. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Sonia and Diego have the same opinion about bike lanes. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Danielle was surprised to find out that bike lanes are making some streets more dangerous for pedestrians. \_\_\_\_\_

## After you watch

**A** Complete the paragraph with the correct words. Then compare with a partner.

collisions	fit	lanes	pedestrians
exhaust	issue	owners	spaces

Danielle discovers that there are two sides to the \_\_\_\_\_.  
of bike \_\_\_\_\_. On the one hand, because of bike lanes,  
there are fewer cars in city traffic. This means less \_\_\_\_\_  
from cars and therefore less air pollution. Also, bicycling is good  
exercise and keeps bike riders \_\_\_\_\_. On the other  
hand, some store \_\_\_\_\_ complain that there are fewer  
parking \_\_\_\_\_ for their customers. In addition, there  
are sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ between bicyclists and \_\_\_\_\_.



**B** Group work Discuss the questions.

- Do you ride a bike? If so, where do you ride? Do you do this for pleasure or for transportation?
- In your city, do a lot of people ride bikes? Are there special bike lanes for them?
- Which side of the issue do you agree with – that there are more advantages or more problems with bike lanes?
- What solutions can you think of for the problems that are mentioned in the video?