PRACTICE 4

Editing a Cause / Effect Paragraph for Unity and Coherence

Read the paragraph. Cross out two sentences that are off-topic. Then find one sentence that is not in a logical position. Circle the sentence, and draw an arrow to show where the sentence should be placed.

Rooftop Gardens

Rooftop gardens are badly needed green spaces that have many positive effects on urban neighborhoods. For many urban dwellers, the gardens offer a welcoming place to relax and connect with nature. However, rooftop gardens require careful planning. In addition to their beauty, rooftop gardens also cool the buildings beneath them in summer and warm them in winter. Thus, building residents use less energy to control the temperature. This means a decrease in air-conditioning and heating bills and air pollution. Another positive effect of rooftop gardens is related to clean air as well. A number of local governments have developed plans to fight air pollution. Green plants remove harmful gases such as carbon dioxide from the air through the regular process of photosynthesis. During photosynthesis, green plants produce their food from carbon dioxide, water, and sunlight. As part of the process, the plants release beneficial oxygen, which purifies the air around them. The most obvious effect is that rooftop gardens make any city more beautiful and livable, whether they are seen up close, from skyscrapers above, or from the city streets below. In conclusion, the natural beauty, financial savings, and better air quality that result from rooftop gardens show that they are a good idea for modern cities.

