Vocabulary practice

1. Complete the sentences with words from the Keywords box.

1. The rain started so ___________ that we didn’t have time to get our umbrellas.
2. I expected Paris to be a noisy city, but ___________ it wasn’t too bad at all.
3. Travelling all day can be pretty ___________.
4. The trees block the sunshine, so the park stays ___________ all day.
5. The city mayor ___________ defended his controversial new policy.
6. I’m quite ___________ and I don’t get over-emotional about things.
7. In this heat, the idea of an ice cream is very ___________.
8. Your argument can be solved very ___________: apologise to each other.
9. Today was quite hot, but ___________ there will be hotter days this summer.

2. Are these keywords used to describe people (P), situations (S), or people and situations (P, S)?

- cool
- down-to-earth
- exhausting
- inviting

Grammar practice

3. Read the extracts from the article and insert these words in the correct place. The punctuation may change.

- can be
- it is
- that is
- there are
The Seine is at the centre of Paris: its liquid heart.

’38 euros.’ The fine for breaking the rule.

Other rules: no waterskiing in certain zones.

The penalty: up to 75,000 euros.

Rewrite the sentences omitting the underlined words and changing punctuation and new words where necessary.

Travel insurance is recommended. There are other costs: airport tax, excess baggage, etc.

London is the capital of England. It is a huge, messy city.

Ten days in Paris. That is my summer plan.

Hotel costs can be almost double in the high season.

We ran into the station. It was too late. The train had gone.

The Eiffel Tower is unmissable. There is a great view of Paris from the top.