



Cities

Common questions

Part 1 - Do you like the city you are living in now?

Part 1 - Do you prefer the city or the countryside?

Part 2 - Describe an interesting town or city in your country that visitors might enjoy.

Part 3 - Why do some people prefer to live in a city?

Part 3 - What are some of the challenges facing towns and cities?

Part 3 - How can governments improve living standards in crowded cities?

Vocabulary and expressions

Business district (n) - the part of a city or town where most offices and businesses are.

I live in a city with a large and crowded business district.

Suburbs (n) - an area on the edge of a large town or city where people often live.

There are many parks in the suburbs so it's a great place to raise a family.

Neighbourhood (n) - the area of a town that surrounds someone's home.

I have plenty of cafes and restaurants in my neighbourhood.

High-rise (adj) - used to describe a tall modern building with a lot of levels.

There are more high-rise flats being built so it's really changing the skyline.

Upmarket (adj) - Upmarket goods of very high quality and price.

Nowadays, there are more upmarket shops in my neighbourhood.

Congestion (n) - too blocked or crowded and causing difficulties.

Congestion is a big issue in the business district; you can't move during rush hour!

Run down (adj) - Run-down buildings or areas are in very bad condition.

There are more and more run down buildings so the government needs to do something about it.

Hustle and bustle (n) - noise and activity.

I love the hustle and bustle of the city; I find it really exciting.

Cosmopolitan (adj) - containing people and things from many different parts of the world.

I prefer to live in a large, cosmopolitan city with plenty of culture.

Touristic (adj) - for or relating to tourists.

The touristic part of our city is really developing and attracting more travellers.