

### **INDUSTRY**

- □ Primary industries (dealing with raw materials)
- Agriculture
- Mining
- Farming
- Fishing
- Oil and Gas
- ☐ The manufacturing industry
- ☐ The finance industry
- ☐ The IT industry
- ☐ The entertainment industry

### The service industry

- Tourism
- Hospitality
- Recreation
- Food and beverage

My hometown relies mainly on ......

It's famous for ......

Its main source of revenue comes from ......

The economy depends mainly on ......

# Words to describe the city:

Cosmopolitan: including people from many different countries.

**Bustling**: (of a place) full of activity.

Hectic: very busy and fast.

Vibrant: full of energy, color, and life.

**Sprawling**: spreading out over a large area in an untidy or irregular way.

**Contemporary**: existing and happening now.

**Touristic**: relating to or popular with tourists.

### Words to describe things in the city:

**High-rise (adjective)**: tall with many floors.

**High-rise (noun):** a tall modern building with many floors.

Pavement cafe: cafe with tables outside on the pavement.

Chain stores: well-known brands with shops in multiple cities.

Fashionable boutiques: fashionable clothes shops.

**Upmarket shops:** expensive fashionable shops.

**Pop-up shop:** a pop-up shop is opened temporarily to take advantage of a faddish trend or seasonal demand.

## Words to describe the town/countryside:

**Rural**: in, relating to, or characteristic of a countryside.

Run-down: weak or in a bad condition.

Quaint: attractively unusual or old-fashioned.

**Close-knit**: bound together by strong relationships and common interests.

Outskirts: the outer parts of a town or city.

**Suburb**: an area on the edge of a large town or city, where people who work in the town or city often live:

Picturesque: visually attractive, especially in a quaint or charming way.

# Words to describe things in the countryside:

Out-of-town: in a place outside the main part of a town.

Boarded-up shops: shops that are no longer doing business.

**Orchard**: a piece of enclosed land planted with fruit trees.

Pavement cafe: cafes with tables outside on the pavement.

Vineyard: a plantation of grapevines, typically producing the grapes used in winemaking.

**Mom-and-pop shop**: "mom-and-pop" is a colloquial term used to describe a small, family-owned or independent business

### Collocations to describe cities

### Here are some collocations to describe the city where I live, Bangkok, in Thailand.

- Bustling center
- Urban living
- Reliable public transport
- Long opening hours (shops and restaurants)
- Upmarket shops
- Pricey /overpriced restaurants (expensive)
- Lively bars
- \* Fashionable clubs
- High-rise flats

# Describing Buildings

- Utilitarian
- Derelict
- An eyesore
- Fallen into disrepair
- Dilapidated
- Prefabricated
- Tear down

- Has outlived its original purpose
- Instantly recognisable
- Pleasing to the eye
- Eye-catching
- An architectural marvel/gem
- Soaring/towering
- Iconic

### Synonym Match

[ utilitarian / derelict / an eyesore / fallen into disrepair / dilapidated / prefabricated / tear down / has outlived its original purpose / instantly recognisable / pleasing to the eye / eye-catching / soaring, towering / an architectural marvel, gem / heavily ornate / our architectural heritage / saving, restoring / preserve ]

Example: I work in a functional office block. (Answer – utilitarian)

1. The Council are going to demolish the building.

2. Frank Lloyd Wright's Waterfall House is an amazing piece of architecture.

3. It is important to protect historical buildings.

4. It is worth **keeping** old buildings.

5. Take a look at this too much decorated hotel on its special day.

6. The Glass Pyramid in front of the Louvre is a focal point.

7. Many houses built in the post-war era were factory made.

8. The building is no longer used for its original purpose.

9. Neglected for many years, the building has almost collapsed and may be beyond repair.

10. The Petronas Towers dominate the cityscape, rising above the streets.

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# **Positive Collocations with building:**

Adjectives – attractive, fine, impressive, magnificent, imposing, stylish, stunning, spacious, breathtaking, breathtakingly modern, iconic, instantly recognisable

A building that works well in its surrounding environment

A building that fits in well with its surroundings

A building that demands your attention

A building that conveys a sense of light and space

# **Negative Connotations with building:**

Adjectives - disused, derelict, abandoned, neglected, crumbling, fallen into disrepair

The building has fallen into disrepair:

The roof leaks

The paint is peeling

And the walls are crumbling

Out of place/ does not fit with its surroundings

Sticks out like a sore thumb

Incongruous

### Adjectives to view cities/suburbs/towns

#### FOR GOOD POINTS

- picturesque
- historic
- spacious
- elegant
- magnificent
- lively
- urban
- comfortable

#### FOR NEGATIVE POINTS

- deserted( no one on the street at night) city
- packed (very crowded)
- filthy (very dirty)/
- run-down (in a very bad condition)
- sprawling city
- shanty town (=houses made of discarded materials,
   e.g., tin cardboard, plastic)
- bustling (=with lots of movement) can be positive or negative.

# Cities and their problems

- o Urban wasteland (in bad condition)
- Run-down buildings (falling apart)
- No-go areas (with the high crime)
- o The volume of traffic (amount)
- Bumper-to-bumper traffic all day long (congested/jammed)
- o Exhaust fumes (gas emission)
- The incessant roar of trucks and buses (very loud noise)
- o **Deprived areas** (without necessary things, e.g. enough money, good living conditions)

### Phrasal Verbs

**build up:** To increase over time.

"Traffic builds up in the city during rush hour."

**spread out:** To extend over a large area.

"The city spreads out for miles."

go up: To be built or to rise.

"New buildings are going up all over the city."

knock down: To demolish a building or other structure.

"They had to knock down the old building to make way for the new road."

**spring up:** To appear or develop quickly and/or suddenly.

"New shops and restaurants are springing up all over the city."

## **IDIOMS**

Idioms can add colour and interest to your language.

concrete jungle: A city or urban area which is characterised by large modern buildings and a lack of green space.

"The city is a concrete jungle of skyscrapers."

bright lights, big city: The attractions and excitement of a large city.

"She was drawn to the bright lights, big city of New York."

city slicker: A person who is sophisticated or stylish and lives in a city.

"He's a city slicker who knows all the best restaurants and clubs."

melting pot: A place where different types of people, styles, etc. are mixed together.

"The city is a melting pot of cultures."

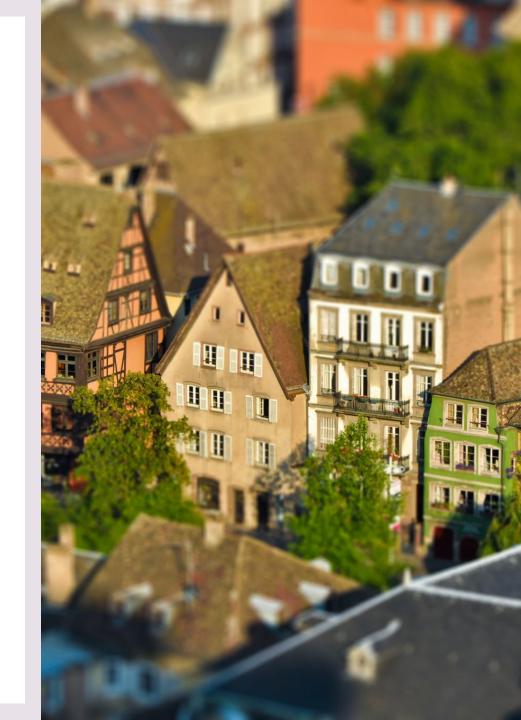
- O What is it like where you live?
- o Could you tell me a bit more about your hometown?
- O What do you like about your hometown?
- O What do you not like about your hometown?
- O How has your hometown changed over the years?
- Do you like living in the city?
- Do you get many tourists visiting your area?

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

You should say:

- what the place is called.
- where it is
- what the facilities are like
- and say why visitors might enjoying going there.



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Describe a town or city you have visited.

You should say:

- where it is
- when you were there
- why you liked or disliked it
- And explain what influence the place had on you.

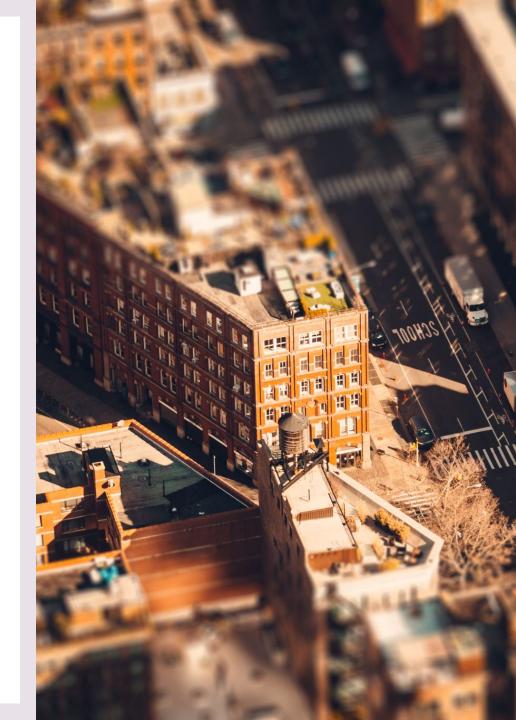


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Describe your favourite city.

You should say:

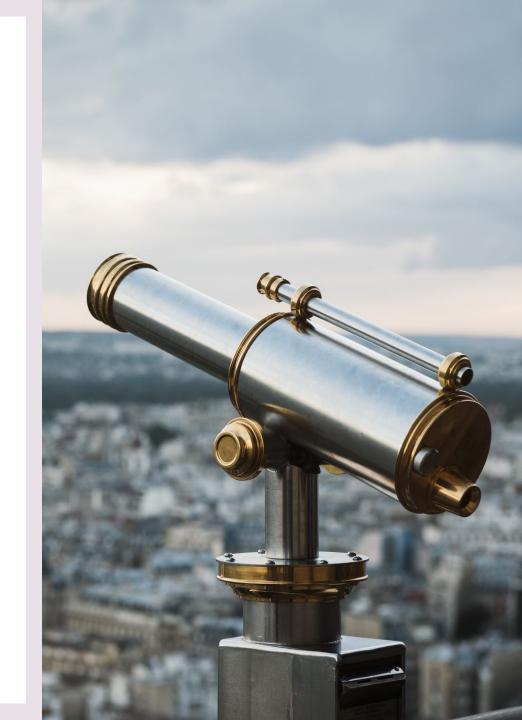
- where it is
- what kind of city it is
- when you visited it
- And say why it is your favourite city.



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Describe a city you have lived in. You should say:

- what city it was
- the reason you lived there
- what you liked about it
- and say what was most memorable about it.



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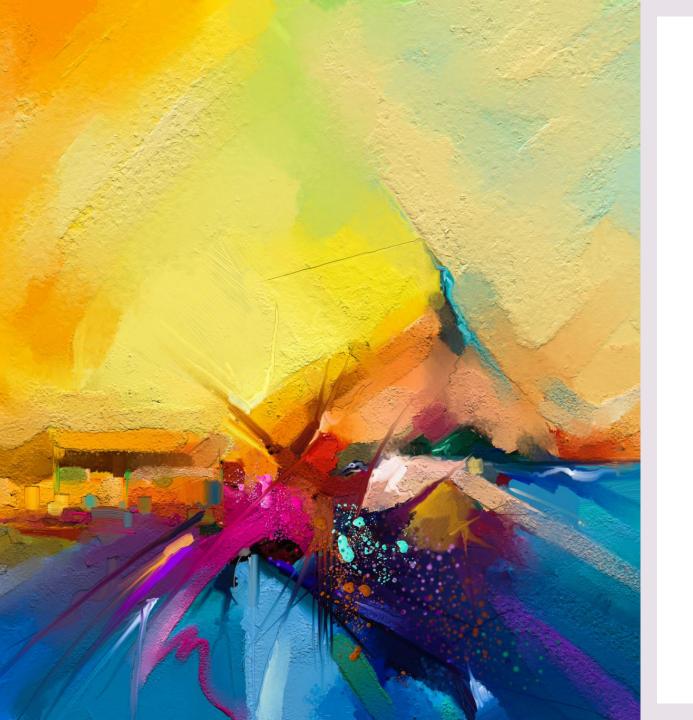
Describe an enjoyable/unforgettable experience you had in the countryside.

You should say:

- what was the activity?
- When did you do it?
- Who did you do it with?
- Why was it enjoyable?



- What are the advantages of living in a city or big town?
- In your experience, are city centres usually attractive places?
- What are some of the challenges facing towns and cities?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of living in a big city?
- What changes have you observed in your city in past 5 years?
- o If you were mayor of your city, what would you do to improve it?
- Which is better, living in the countryside or in the city?



"Urban life is a canvas painted with the vibrancy of people, culture, and diversity."

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