

Vocabulary

Features of a town

1 Complete the quotes with the words in the box.

cycle lanes landmark outdoor café skyline
suburb traffic jams

- 1 My favourite thing to do in the evening is to look at the sun set over the city _____.
- 2 It takes so long to get to work in the mornings because of the _____.
- 3 If you do one thing when you get to Tokyo, visit the Skytree. You can't miss it. It's such a famous _____.
- 4 No, I don't drive anymore. Now there are _____ it's safer to travel to work by bicycle.
- 5 It's so nice to sit outside and have a coffee in the sun at an _____.
- 6 I don't want to live in the busy and crowded centre, give me a quiet _____ any day!

2 Cross out the incorrect alternative in each sentence.

- 1 The *neighbourhood*/*suburb*/*skyline* where I live is as interesting and historical as the city centre. I love to walk around the streets and have a coffee in the local cafés at the weekend.
- 2 What I love most about my city is how green it is! It's so easy to get around without a car with all of the *pedestrian streets*/*cycle lanes*/*traffic jams*.
- 3 When we visit new cities, we love to get out and explore. It's so much fun to visit the local *art galleries*/*landmarks*/*cycle lanes* and be a tourist for the day.
- 4 You could spend hours exploring this city. There is always something new to discover. With a large number of famous *squares*/*landmarks*/*cycle lanes*, Venice is one of the most popular cities in the world.
- 5 The one thing that surprises people when they come here is the view of the *skyline*/*main square*/*traffic jam*. It's spectacular.
- 6 It's all about culture and relaxation for Mike when he goes on a city break. You can't get him away from the *outdoor cafés*/*art galleries*/*skylines*.

Grammar

Articles

3 Correct the mistake in sentences 1–5.

People

- 1 ~~The people~~ use their phones too much these days – I don't think it's healthy.
- 2 Where did you put a key? I can't find it anywhere!
- 3 My brother's teacher – he loves it!
- 4 Paris skyline is so beautiful at night.
- 5 The money isn't important to me – I work hard because I love my job.
- 6 I live in the UK although I travel quite a lot for the work.

4 Complete the comments with *a*, *an*, *the* or no article (–).

The best cities in the world – as voted for by you

As ¹_____ tour guide, I've travelled all over ²_____ world, but there is only one place I call home and that's Perth, ³_____ capital of Western Australia. We've got everything here: ⁴_____ beautiful beaches, lively bars and scenic parks. (Mark, Perth, Australia)

If I had to pick ⁵_____ city, then Madrid would definitely be ⁶_____ city at the top of my list! The bars and cafés are great when you want to get together with ⁷_____ friends and hang out. And ⁸_____ Spanish people are so open and friendly. (Emer, Madrid, Spain)

I'm ⁹_____ New Yorker, and New York has ¹⁰_____ great food and famous landmarks, but Houston is magical. Kids and adults alike will enjoy ¹¹_____ Houston Museum of Natural Science, and art lovers shouldn't miss the Art Car Museum. ¹²_____ food is amazing! (Teresa, Houston, US)

