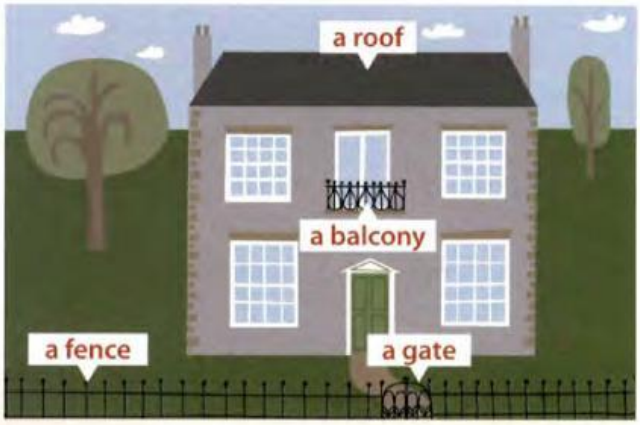
16/ Towns, cities and buildings

Words you need... 16.1



- **busy** A busy place has a lot of people or traffic in it.
- **crowded** A crowded place has a lot of people in it.
- **downtown** in or towards the main, central part of a city
- **a library** a place with a lot of books that you can borrow
- **a mall** a covered area with a lot of shops
- **a market** a place, often outside, where people sell things on long tables
- **noisy** making a lot of noise
- **a square** an open, square area in a town or city, with buildings around the sides
- **a town hall** a building that has the offices of local officials

Exercise 1

Are the sentences (1–6) true (T) or false (F)?

1 Streetlamps help people to see when it is dark. T
2 You shouldn't stop when a traffic light is red. ____
3 Cars usually drive on the pavement. ____
4 If you have a hole in your roof, the rain can come in. ____
5 It is always dangerous to stand on a balcony. ____
6 If you want to cross a busy road, you should never use a pedestrian crossing. ____

Exercise 2 16.2

Use the words from the box to complete Katy's description of where she works. Listen and check.

mall noisy library town hall crowded ~~downtown~~

I work in the [1] downtown area of the city. I travel to work by metro. It's always very [2] _____ in the morning. I work at the [3] _____ in the roads department. There are 20 people in my office, and it gets very [4] _____ when everyone is on the phone, so I like to go out by myself in my lunch break. I love clothes, and there is a huge [5] _____ very near where I work, but I try not to go too often because I don't want to spend all my money! Instead, I often go to the [6] _____ and borrow books to read on my journey.'

Exercise 3

Complete the sentences.

1 The museum has huge iron ___gates___ that are closed every night.
2 I like to sit on the _____ outside my bedroom in the evening and watch the sun go down.
3 You can't go into the park at night – there's a _____ all around it.
4 On Saturday evenings, all the cafés in the downtown area are very _____ .
5 Every Saturday, there is a _____ in the square, where farmers come to sell food.
6 Sometimes I take my friend's little boy to the _____ and read with him.

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