

1 Complete these sentences by choosing the best preposition.

- 1 My house is by / *in* the sea. You walk out of the front door straight onto the beach.
- 2 I live in a two-room flat *in* / *on* the outskirts of the city.
- 3 We spent two weeks in a small village *in* / *on* the mountains.
- 4 Property prices *by* / *in* the city centre are so expensive that only a few people can afford them.
- 5 The town of Wadi Musa is *near* / *on* the desert. It's only an hour's drive away.
- 6 I would hate to live *by* / *in* the country. It must be so quiet and boring there.
- 7 When I was a growing up in the UK, I lived *in* / *on* the suburbs.
- 8 Our house was right *by* / *near* a river. There was even a place at the end of garden where you could leave your boat.

2 Complete the passage with words from the box. Write the correct number in the box

conclude

crime

diverse

impact

industrial

influence

lifestyle

locals

ranks

reaction

1 *reputation*

surround

The city where I live has a bad 1 *reputation* because of its high 2 rate. If you believe everything you read in the newspapers, you might 3 that everyone who visits the city has their wallet stolen or gets attacked in the street the moment they arrive. In recent years this has had a negative 4 on the number of tourists who come to the city, since news stories can really 5 people when they are thinking of visiting a place. I won't pretend that my city is the best place in the world. It's noisy and crowded, and ugly 6 estates 7 it on all sides. In fact, it 8 as sixth on a national list of the country's worst places to live, and for most visitors, their first 9 is 'Oh no, what a horrible place!' However, I think this is unfair. There are some attractive old buildings in the city, the 10 population gives the place a colourful, international feel, most of the 11 are friendly and welcoming, and because prices are low, people can afford to enjoy a 12 that is considerably better than in many other cities.