

- 2 Complete the gaps in this passage with an adjective and noun pair from Exercise 1.

My home city (Part 1)

What can I tell you about my home city? First of all, I must mention its 1 *friendly inhabitants*. Everyone smiles and says hello when you meet them. Then there's the 2 which you can get everywhere. It's delicious, and really cheap. Four or five times a year there are 3 where people celebrate important events with street parties and other fun events. And if you get fed up with the city, you can get a bus into the countryside, where there are lots of 4 The hills and mountains there also provide some really 5

- 3 Which of these words are adjectives, and which are nouns? Write the words in the box in the correct columns.

apartments crowded city industrial
lifestyle relaxed streets tiny

Adjectives	Nouns
<i>crowded</i>	<i>apartments</i>

- 4 Complete each gap in the passage below with TWO words from Exercise 3.

My home city (Part 2)

It has its bad points as well. It's an 1 , which means that there is a lot of pollution, and there are also lots of ugly factories everywhere. Most people live in 2 because houses are too expensive. They work really hard, and they can't afford to enjoy the sort of 3 that many people associate with my country. And it can take ages to walk along the 4 in the city centre because there are so many people and so much traffic.

- 5 Complete these sentences by choosing the best preposition.

- My house is *by* / *in* the sea. You walk out of the front door straight onto the beach.
- I live in a two-room flat *in* / *on* the outskirts of the city.

- We spent two weeks in a small village *in* / *on* the mountains.
- Property prices *by* / *in* the city centre are so expensive that only a few people can afford them.
- The town of Wadi Musa is *near* / *on* the desert. It's only an hour's drive away.
- I would hate to live *by* / *in* the country. It must be so quiet and boring there.
- When I was a growing up in the UK, I lived *in* / *on* the suburbs.
- Our house was right *by* / *near* a river. There was even a place at the end of garden where you could leave your boat.

Key vocabulary

- 6 Complete the passage with words from the box.

conclude crime diverse impact
industrial influence lifestyle locals
ranks reaction ~~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.