

**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
crowded	apartments

**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.

- 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 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.

## 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.