

# Unit 2 City Life



## A. PHONETICS

**I Find the word which has a different sound in the part underlined.**

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. A. <u>pr</u> essure      | B. <u>de</u> pressed     | C. <u>ex</u> pect      | D. <u>re</u> laxed        |
| 2. A. <u>en</u> courage     | B. <u>em</u> pathy       | C. <u>em</u> barrassed | D. <u>re</u> member       |
| 3. A. <u>del</u> ighted     | B. <u>con</u> tinue      | C. <u>me</u> dicine    | D. <u>si</u> tuation      |
| 4. A. <u>adv</u> ice        | B. <u>symp</u> athize    | C. <u>dec</u> ide      | D. <u>respon</u> sibility |
| 5. A. <u>collab</u> oration | B. <u>par</u> ticularity | C. <u>man</u> age      | D. <u>act</u> ivate       |

**II Find the word whose stress pattern is different from the others.**

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|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. A. exhausted   | B. frightening   | C. populous     | D. stressful   |
| 2. A. exciting    | B. rural         | C. annoying     | D. forbidden   |
| 3. A. fascinating | B. ancient       | C. delicious    | D. comfortable |
| 4. A. galleries   | B. neighborhoods | C. museum       | D. cultural    |
| 5. A. exhibition  | B. disappointed  | C. entertaining | D. interesting |



## B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

**III Choose the word which doesn't belong to each group.**

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|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. A. busy        | B. fashionable     | C. populous     | D. pleased  |
| 2. A. ancient     | B. quiet           | C. modern       | D. peaceful |
| 3. A. high street | B. amusement park  | C. mall         | D. field    |
| 4. A. skyscraper  | B. shopping center | C. metropolitan | D. village  |
| 5. A. little      | B. fewer           | C. better       | D. less     |

**IV Write the name of the following pictures.**



1. ....



2. ....



3. ....



4. ....



5. ....



6. ....

**V Choose the best answer A, B, C or D.**

- Factories and companies should be constructed in ..... places only.  
A. rural                      B. cultural                      C. urban                      D. coastal
- After I found all the information I needed, I ..... the laptop.  
A. take over                      B. put off                      C. turned off                      D. switched on
- Japan is the ..... developed country in the world.  
A. most two                      B. two most                      C. second most                      D. second in most
- This computer is much more user-friendly, but it costs ..... the other one.  
A. as many as                      B. as much as                      C. twice as much as                      D. twice as many
- When my children ....., I'll teach them how to study English.  
A. turn up                      B. grow up                      C. get up                      D. think up
- That city has one of the most ..... underground rail networks in the world.  
A. efficient                      B. fashionable                      C. cosmopolitan                      D. fascinated
- He turned ..... the new job in the city center because she didn't want to move.  
A. up                      B. down                      C. over                      D. off
- My university has recently set ..... a new library near the school's gate.  
A. off                      B. out                      C. at                      D. up
- My grandfather decided to pull ..... his house to build a new one.  
A. up                      B. down                      C. over                      D. off
- You have to take your hat ..... when you go to HCM mausoleum.  
A. in                      B. off                      C. up                      D. along

**VI Fill in the blank with a suitable word given below.**

<i>get over</i>	<i>set up</i>	<i>metropolitan</i>	<i>go round</i>	<i>feature</i>
<i>packed</i>	<i>round-about</i>	<i>melting pot</i>	<i>keep up with</i>	<i>find out</i>

- This medicine will help you ..... from your illness.

2. Some people believe that skyscrapers are a ..... of big cities.
3. We have to ..... more schools to meet the demand of the increasing numbers of children in the area.
4. HCM city is like a ..... of people from different areas.
5. While visiting Da Nang, we ..... all the World Heritage Sites nearby.
6. You need to ..... the key; otherwise, we can't get into our home.
7. The ..... is a kind of circular junction, where traffic flows continuously around a central island.
8. It is difficult to ..... the rapid pace of change in big cities.
9. The ..... area includes the city itself, and the surrounding suburbs or other urban areas.
10. During the morning and evening rush hours, cities often become ..... with people and vehicles.

**VII Choose the best answer A, B, C, or D.**

1. You're not a safe driver! You should drive .....  
A. careful                      B. careless                      C. more carefully                      D. most carefully
2. Their children have all grown ..... and left home for the city to work.  
A. up                      B. out                      C. out of                      D. inside
3. I was disappointed as the film was ..... than I had expected.  
A. as entertaining                      B. less entertaining  
C. more entertaining                      D. few entertaining
4. The city has recently set ..... a library in the West Suburb.  
A. up                      B. off                      C. out                      D. on
5. The last exhibition was not ..... this one.  
A. as interesting                      B. so interesting than  
C. so interesting as                      D. more interesting
6. I don't think Nick gets ..... with John. They always argue.  
A. over                      B. in                      C. through                      D. on
7. Your city is developing ..... my city.  
A. so fast                      B. as fast as                      C. faster than                      D. the fastest
8. You should take your hat ..... in the cinema.  
A. in                      B. over                      C. on                      D. off
9. Let's take this road. It is ..... way to the city.  
A. the shortest                      B. a shortest                      C. the shorter                      D. both A & B
10. She lives in one of the most ..... parts of the city. There are lots of luxury shops there.  
A. fashionable                      B. historic                      C. comfortable                      D. boring

**VIII Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.**

1. It's difficult to keep with the rapid pace of change in big cities. ....  
A                      B                      C                      D
2. Our city has some luxury shop, but they are not very affordable. ....

3. City authorities are spending more and more money on public .....  
 A B C D  
 transport to make it well.
4. Big shopping malls are believed to be a feature for big cities. ....  
 A B C D
5. Remember to find out how much people are coming to the party tonight. ....  
 A B C D

## C. READING



### IX Read the following passage and fill in the gap with one suitable word.

<i>opportunity</i>	<i>drawbacks</i>	<i>well-lighted</i>	<i>problems</i>	<i>unlike</i>
<i>education</i>	<i>advantages</i>	<i>air-pollution</i>	<i>harmful</i>	<i>with</i>

City life is full of advantages and disadvantages. There are a lot of (1) ..... of living in a city. The people who live in cities enjoy some special facilities and comforts (2) ..... the village people. Their houses are modern, streets are (3) ..... They can go shopping and buy everything they need. In case of sickness, they can avail the treatment of best doctors. Moreover, they can receive (4) ..... in schools, colleges and universities of high standard. They can also visit libraries, parks, museums and so on to stimulate their minds. However, city life has some (5) ..... too. The city life is very fast. Everybody is rushing for a better life, a better luck and a better (6) ..... In city area, people usually use vehicles run by fossil fuels, which cause heavy smoke. Those smoke causes (7) ..... Thus, people living in urban areas take the soup of chemicals. We don't see the (8) ..... gasses but we inhale it. The fast life, the foul and smoky weather and dirty atmosphere cause health (9) ..... Last but not the least, city life is more or less artificial and monotonous. It has no touch (10) ..... nature whatsoever.

### X Read the passage and answer the questions below.

Education has been the first priority of my life. And I think a city life can offer a great support in terms of offering a vast choice of good institutions that one may like to choose for the higher studies.

I like city life because of the diversity of things you can do. For example, job opportunities are better in the cities. So, if you're a city dweller, you don't have to leave your home in the search of better work opportunities. You'll be able to earn the livelihood and be by the side of your family simultaneously. This was probably the biggest reason I never could go against the city life.

The third reason I like city life because it offers hundreds of other recreational opportunities. I'm especially a fun loving person and never like to sit at home in the weekends. City life is always very happening and great fun. You can go to a water park, enjoy fun rides with your family, have a great time with your friends in a restaurant.

Yes, sometimes the busy city life gets a bit strenuous. But when I need a change, I take a short two day off for a nice refreshment. City life is much better because it's free from the conservative mentality of the villages. The busy city life doesn't permit time for

unproductive things which can make the life of person complicated. As city dwellers get exposure to tons of possible career opportunities, most people can plan their career wisely.

Fierce competition of city life makes people competitive and smart. This is what actually the modern world needs. Our world doesn't need orthodox rituals or superstitious belief. The city life teaches us how to fight with the oddities and become a winner.

**Answer the following questions:**

1. What is the advantage of the city dwellers when choosing a job?  
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2. What can you do in the city at weekends?  
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3. What does the author often do when he/she gets strenuous?  
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4. According to the author, what are the differences between the people in the city and those in the village?  
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5. Do you want to live in the city? Why?  
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## D. SPEAKING

**XI** Work in pairs. Student A comes from Vietnam and student B comes from Malaysia. Now tell each other about the city in your country based on the cue cards.



### Da Nang

**Location:** midway from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh city.

**Main features:**

- the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest city in Vietnam
- coastal city
- authentic local cuisines, many street vendors along Han river

**Attractions:**

- Cham Museum – a valuable collection of stone sculptures and Hindu-practicing civilization
- Marble Mountains – Wood, Water, Fire, Earth legendary mountains.
- Han River – symbol of Da Nang
- Ba Na – Mo Stream resort – the ecotourism resort



### Kuala Lumpur

**Location:** central west coast of Peninsular Malaysia.

**Main features:**

- the capital city of Malaysia
- the cultural, financial and economic centre of Malaysia

**Attractions:**

- Petronas Towers – iconic skyscrapers towering 88 floors
- Batu Caves – Hindu temple set in limestone caves
- Kuala Lumpur Tower – landmark tower with panoramic view
- Suria KLCC – massive mall housing shops & restaurants

**XII** Work in pairs. Tell your partner about your favorite city (in Vietnam or in the world).

***You should base on the following suggestions:***

- What city is it?
- What are the main features of the country?
- Why do you like this city most?
- Do you have any plan to visit it in the future?
- Where is it?
- What are the most famous places in the city?
- Have you ever been there?

### E. LISTENING



**XIII** Work in pairs. Discuss and answer the following questions.

- What is the most congested country in the world in 2016?  
A. Russia                  B. Turkey                  C. Thailand                  D. United States
- What is the most congested city in the world in 2016?  
A. Los Angeles              B. New York              C. Paris                      D. London

**XIV** 1. Listen to a man reporting on the research by INRIX Inc in 2016 about the congestion situations in Bangkok and some cities in the world. Answer the questions below.

1. How much time did drivers in Bangkok spend in traffic jam last year?  
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  2. Which country of Vietnam is mentioned in the report?  
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  3. What ranking was given to Bangkok in terms of the most congested cities in the world in 2016?  
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  4. What was Bangkok's ranking in 2015?  
.....
- 2. Listen again. Decide if the following statements are true (T) or false (F).**
1. Time is the only waste caused by congestion. ....
  2. In 2016, Bangkok was the city with the world's biggest rush hour traffic delays. ....
  3. The traffic situation in Manila has been better than Bangkok. ....
  4. The traffic situation of Bangkok in 2015 was better than in 2016. ....
  5. The traffic situation of Mexico improved between 2015 and 2016. ....

## F. WRITING



**XV** Rewrite the following sentences based on the phrases given in the bracket.

1. I just can't wait to visit New York city again with my parents. (forward)  
→ .....
2. I was not satisfied with the service of that five-star hotel at all. (live up to)  
→ .....
3. I don't want to follow this serial film anymore because it is very boring. (fed)  
→ .....

4. New York city is a far wealthier city than any cities in Vietnam. (as)

→ .....

5. Hanoi capital city is generally not as exciting as Ho Chi Minh city. (more)

→ .....

**XVI** Write an email (100 - 120 words) to your foreign friend. Tell him/her about the city that you are living.

*You should base on the suggestions below:*

- What city is it?
- Where is it?
- What are the special things of the city?
- What are the good things of the city?
- What are the bad things of the city?
- Do you like your city? Why?

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