

1. Complete the sentences with the words below.

congested

run down

spotless

sprawling

vibrant

well-run

1. At rush hour in Bangkok, thousands of motorcycles hit the streets. The centre's really _____

2. There was no rubbish anywhere in the city centre. It was completely _____

3. Istanbul is a big _____ city. It seems to go on for miles and miles.

4. The area is very _____ with many buildings in poor condition or completely derelict.

5. We have a very _____ bus service. Over 95% of all buses arrive on time.

6. Reykjavik's nightlife is really _____ with lots of great bars and nightclubs.

2. Match the descriptions of places (1-8) with the adjectives (a-h). There is one extra adjective that you don't need to use.

1. The atmosphere is awful! I sometimes feel like I'm choking!

2. Pick that up! Do you want to get a fine?

3. They come on time, and everything runs really smoothly.

4. The crime rate's quite high, so I worry about being attacked if I'm out after dark.

5. She's always got to have the last word in fashion - the latest shoes, watch, smartphone ... You name it.

6. Most of the buildings in the area are condemned, and there are plans to redevelop it.

7. We were just crawling along for two hours! So I was late for my meeting.

8. There are new bars and restaurants springing up in the area. It's really livened up.

a) muggings and shootings

b) slum

c) network of buses and trams d traffic

e) smog and fumes

f) buzz

g) dropping litter

h) conspicuous consumption

3. Listen to part of a radio programme in which two students give their opinions of a city. Which city (a-c) are they talking about?



4. Listen again. Who is more positive about the aspects of life in the city: Aytak (A) or Eileen (E)? Or neither (-) or both (A+E)?

1. the climate
2. the city centre
3. the cleanliness
4. the local accent
5. the local people
6. the safety
7. the nightclubs