

A The inner city

I parked in the **multi-storey car park** and went the rest of the way on foot. The street lights had just come on, and I could see the **pavements** were **filthy**. At the entrance to the **subway**, there was an old guy **begging** for money. I gave him something and **hurried** on down. There was the usual **graffiti** all over the walls, and **litter** everywhere. I came up the other side and passed a man who was **whistling** quite cheerfully, but I found this part of the **inner city** so **depressing** that I **wondered** if my decision to walk had been a good idea.

Glossary

multi-storey car park	• a large car park with several floors.
pavement	• the part of the road where people walk.
filthy	• very dirty.
subway	• a tunnel that goes under a road or railway so people can walk to the other side.
beg	• ask for food or money.
hurry	• move or do sth quickly. SYN rush .
graffiti	• pictures or writing on a wall in a public place (often humorous or political).
litter	• paper and rubbish that is dropped and left on the ground in a public place.
whistle	• make a musical sound with your lips nearly closed.
inner city	• the part of a large city which is near the centre and often poor.
depressing	• making you feel sad and without hope.
wonder	• ask yourself questions about sth.

1 Correct the spelling mistakes.

► hurry hurry

1 filthy _____

2 liter _____

3 pavment _____

4 whisle _____

5 grafiti _____

6 deppresing _____

2 Complete the definitions.

► inner city = poor parts of a city, near the centre

1 filthy = very _____

2 rush = move or do something _____

3 pavement = place where people _____

4 litter = paper dropped on the _____

5 multi-storey = with several _____

6 beg = ask for _____ or _____

7 whistle = make a sound with your _____ nearly closed

8 graffiti = _____ on a wall in a public place

3 Complete the sentences with a suitable word.

► My dog comes back to me when I whistle.

1 I hate people who drop _____ in the street. Why can't they put it in a bin?

2 It's a dangerous road, so use the _____ to get to the other side.

3 Leila says that someone in our class is getting married. I _____ who it is.

4 You've got lots of time – you don't need to _____ to get the train.

5 Two men were cleaning the _____ off the walls in the subway.

6 The street was filthy and it was pouring with rain. It was very _____.

4 Test yourself. Cover the glossary words and look at the meanings. Can you remember the words?