

# 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.

► hury hurry

1 fillthy \_\_\_\_\_

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?