

Life in the city Vocabulary

Task 1. To what degree do you think each of the adjectives apply to the place where you live / come from? Look up the meaning of the adjective in the dictionary if necessary.

dull	well-run	congested	spotless	chaotic
run-down	sprawling	hot and humid	compact	affluent
vibrant	safe and secure	polluted		

Task 2. Drag and drop the words in the correct place

1) At rush hour in Bangkok, thousands of motorcycles hit the streets. The center'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.

[run down] [spotless] [sprawling] [vibrant] [well-run] [congested]

Task 3. Match the descriptions with the words and phrases

Pick that up! Do you want to get a fine?	muggings and shootings
The crime rate is quite high, so I worry about being attacked if I'm out after dark.	conspicuous consumption
We were just crawling along for two hours! So I was late for my meeting.	dropping litter
She's always got to have the last word in fashion - the latest shoes, watch, smartphone... You name it.	smog and fumes
They come on time, and everything runs really smoothly.	traffic
The atmosphere is awful! I sometimes feel like I'm choking!	slum
There are new bars and restaurants springing up in the area. It's really livened up.	network of buses and trams
Most of the buildings in the area are condemned, and there are plans to redevelop it.	buzz