

Geography

Task 1. Places and features

Match the words on the left with an example on the right. There are some words on the left that do not match with any on the right. Use your dictionary to check what these mean.

state • city • waterfall
county • canal • range • valley
province • ocean • mountain
harbour • island • river
capital (city) • village • country
continent • desert • stream

the Atlantic • Ankara • Munich
the Sahara • Niagara • Everest
Mexico • Bali • the Suez • Asia
the Himalayas • the Nile • Ohio

Task 2. Town and country.

Complete the text with words from the box.

safer • amenities • peaceful • nature • pollution • commuters • jams
crowded • suburbs • fresh • rush hour • countryside • rural • stressful
fields • public • nightlife • urban • cosmopolitan

I've always preferred an ____ lifestyle to a ____ lifestyle. I'd much rather live in a city than in the ____ because there's so much more to do. The ____ is great - lots of bars, restaurants and nightclubs - and there are lots of ____ such as sports centres, swimming pools, museums and so on. What I particularly like is the fact that my home city is so ____; there are people there from all over the world.

Of course, with so many people everywhere it can get very ____, especially during the ____ (in my city, this is between 7 and 9 in the morning, and between 4 and 6 in the evening). At those times, the trains and buses are packed with ____ coming to the city to work, and then going back to the ____ around the city where many of them live. Those who don't use ____ transport drive to the city in their own cars; this causes terrible traffic ____ on the roads, and of course lots of ____, which makes the air dirty and unpleasant. It can get quite ____ at times.

Consequently, it is good to get away from the city now and then, and get back to ____; lots of lovely ____ air, green ____ and ____ villages where the only noise is the sound of birds and sheep. It's also much ____; there's less crime and the roads aren't as dangerous.