PUBLIC VENUES

A PLACE TO LIVE

– **Look at the pictures and describe them in a few words. Choose the Best Place to Live for Your Lifestyle and explain why.**


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VOCABULARY

1. Complete the words and add some more vocabulary to each column.

Townscape	*Landscape*
a r... castle, a b... harbour, an industrial a... a famous m..., a market s..., a stunning v...	*a river b..., a dense f..., a steep h..., a breathtaking s....*

2. Discuss the differences of city life and country life. Think of some advantages and disadvantages. Mention the following points.

pollution / nightlife / cost of living / local facilities / property prices / nature / transport and traffic / opportunities / flow of life / population / crime rate / life standard

Urban life	*Rural life*

READING

3. Read the text about the best cities for young people and tell which city is the most suitable for you and why.

THE BEST CITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Young professionals and millennials are on the go now more than ever. They don't **settle down** in a single destination and keep travelling until they've found the city they call home. Check out the list of the most suitable cities according to the latest surveys.



This *bustling* city of **New York**, famous as "The City that Never Sleeps", tops the list. There is no place like New York with its *iconic* ***skyline***. From the Empire State Building to the Art Deco Chrysler Building, New York City **is home to** the world's best-known skyscrapers. It is a business centre in the United States and one of the world's greatest ***financial hubs***. Though rental prices are *through the roof*, sharing a place with roommates is always an option to afford life in the Big Apple. Except for the plenty of opportunities for youth employment, New York is in the centre of cultural events, festivals, museums, and crazy busy dynamics and is **packed with** tourists and immigrants.

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Cosmopolitan **Berlin** is the city with a 24/7 nightlife and a *thriving start-up scene*. It also scores highly on delicious food, reliable transport network, immigration tolerance, and well-known outdoor festivals. The capital of Germany is **steeped in** history and **prides itself on** the long list of composers, scientists, inventors, and philosophers it has produced. It is a youth *hot spot* due to its *affordable* real estate, low crime rate, high employment rate, *welcoming* people, and high *standard of living* with opportunities to be found in a wide range of sectors like music/film industry, advertising, engineering or business.



Montreal is ranked the third best city in the world for young people! It combines multiple factors such as transportation, accessibility, affordability, the quality of education, Internet speed, and healthcare. Its bilingualism and overflowing culture definitely add to its title. Montreal **stands out as** a unique and historic metropolitan area and an important hub for commerce, arts, culture, and architecture in Canada. Montreal's province, Quebec, is culturally **distinct from** the rest of Canada because its sole official language is French. Its French-Canadian charm combined with many immigrant cultures have made this city in Quebec a lively mix of people, food, and attractions.



The highest ranking UK city on the list is **London**, which is **praised for** its respect for personal freedom and choice. It is rich in history and a leading global *metropolis*. London is **made up of** two ancient cities, and has numerous public green spaces, museums, galleries, libraries, and sporting facilities. The City of London is its *historical heart*, and the City of Westminster locates most of the government offices. Each neighbourhood represents a life of its own, with *diverse* culture, outstanding food, and varied music scene. More than 300 languages are spoken within the city. In 2012 London *hosted* the Summer Olympics for the third time.



The Dutch nominal capital **Amsterdam** was merely a small fishing village founded in the 12th century, and now it is fifth in this list thanks to its *laid back* way of life. The city is **renowned for** inclusivity, accessibility, *vibrant* nightlife, and people with open-minded views. In Amsterdam locals ride their bikes instead of using cars or other means of transportation, and this makes the city *easy to get around*. Each of the thousands of buildings that line Amsterdam's main canals can be classified as *aesthetic* monuments that make the city one of the most *captivating* in the world, an amazing place of bridges, picturesque *cobbled streets*, and strikingly elegant architecture.

4. Look at the words in colour in the text and match them to their definitions.

1) *a pavement made of stone*
2) *comfortable for travelling*
3) *arranged*
4) *historic town centre*
5) *big urban city*
6) *the degree of wealth and material comfort*
7) *good possibilities for starting business*
8) *a lively and popular place*
9) *financial centre*
10) *visible horizon*

5. Look at the italicized adjectives in the text and divide them into positive and negative ones. Give their antonyms where possible.

Positive	*Negative*

6. Look at the words in bold in the text and make up sentences about different cities of the world using these vocabulary.

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