

## 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.

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| 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

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| 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                       |