

## Vocabulary

### City life

**1. Listen to two conversations about cities. List the good and the bad things you hear about each place**

good things

bad things

**2. Listen again and complete the sentences.**

### Conversation 1

1. It's really wild. It \_\_\_\_\_, actually.
2. We went out with these people and \_\_\_\_\_ at about four in the morning.
3. Actually, that was \_\_\_\_\_ the congestion.
4. Honestly, you walk out of your hotel and \_\_\_\_\_ this thick wall of heat.
5. It does \_\_\_\_\_ but, as I say, it just has a real buzz.

## Conversation 2

1. It is, if you like \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It's more lively. There's \_\_\_\_\_, you know.
3. So you wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ to live there?
4. Don't \_\_\_\_\_, it is a good place to live if you're bringing up kids.
5. So if I \_\_\_\_\_, I might move back. It's just not what I want right now.

3.

**Complete the sentences with the words in the box.**

congested	run down	spotless
sprawling	vibrant	well-run

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

**Match the descriptions (1–8) with the words and phrases (a–h).**

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

- a muggings and shootings
- b slum
- c network of buses and trams
- d traffic
- e smog and fumes
- f buzz
- g dropping litter
- h conspicuous consumption

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8



## Listening

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1.1 Listen to part of a radio programme in which two students give their opinions of a city. Which city (a-c) are they talking about?



Listen again. Who is more positive about the aspects of life in the city: Aytak (A) or Eileen (E)? Or neither (-) or both (A+E)?

**A      E      A+E**

- 1 the climate
- 2 the city centre
- 3 the cleanliness
- 4 the local accent
- 5 the local people
- 6 the safety
- 7 the nightclubs
