

# CITY VOCABULARY!

On this lesson, you will find useful vocabulary to describe your town or city!



Have a look at the map and the picture and choose the correct option in the text depending on the information you see on the map:



## YORK

York is a city in the **North / South** of England, on the **river Ouse / the coast**. It is about 25 miles **East / West** of Leeds. It is a **small / medium-sized** city and it has a population of about 200,000 habitants. It is famous for its cathedral, York Minister and its historic centre.

★ Listen and check your answers:

★ Match the adjectives from the list to the statements from 1 to 6:

**BORNING - CROWDED - DANGEROUS  
MODERN - NOISY - POLLUTED**

1. There are a lot of bars and clubs with loud music.
2. The air is very dirty.
3. There are too many people.
4. The buildings were built all quite recently with contemporary designs.
5. There is nothing exciting to do.
6. You have to be careful, especially at night.

★ Find the opposites of the adjectives from the previous exercise in on this list below:

- CLEAN
- INTERESTING
- SAFE
- HISTORIC
- QUIET
- EMPTY

★ Listen and check your answers:

# ★ ★ READING!

## What are the **most** (and **least**) honest cities in the world?

*Reader's Digest* organized an experiment to try to find out...

Their reporters 'lost' 12 wallets in 16 cities around the world. They left the wallets in different areas of each of the chosen cities, places like shopping malls, or in parks, or on the pavement. In each wallet there was the equivalent of 50 dollars in local currency, a family photo, and a couple of business cards with a name and phone number. A reporter waited somewhere near each wallet to see what happened. Another reporter answered the phone when people called to report the lost wallet, and then met the people and asked them why they returned the wallet.

Read the introduction of this experiment. Then, have a look at the cities where the experiment was made. Which ones do you think are the most honest?

Amsterdam	Lisbon
Berlin	Ljubljana
Budapest	London
Bucharest	Madrid
Helsinki	Moscow
Mumbai	Zurich
New York	
Prague	
Rio de Janeiro	
Warsaw	

What about your city? Do you think people are honest there?

Let's listen to the reporters talking about the results of the experiment on a radio program. Take notes to answer the following questions. Listen again if necessary.

1. In which city did someone say...?

- a. his wife lost her wallet
- b. people in his country are very honest
- c. people need to help each other
- d. she teaches her children to be honest
- e. you can never know if the wallet belongs to a poor person



2. What percentage of the wallets were returned? Did the people who gave them back have anything in common?