

IELTS Foundation : Prepositional phrases.

Task 1: Complete these sentences by choosing the best preposition.

1. My house is *by / in* the sea. You walk out of the front door straight into the beach.
2. I live in a two – room flat *in / on* the outskirts of the city.
3. We spent two weeks in a small village *in / on* the mountains.
4. Property prices *by / in* the city centre are so expensive that only a few people can afford them.
5. The town of Wadi Musa is *near / on* the desert. It's only an hour's drive away.
6. I would hate to live *by / in* the country. It must be so quiet and boring there.
7. When I was a growing up in the UK. I lived *in / on* the suburbs.
8. Our house was right *by / near* a river. There was even a place at the end of garden where you leave your boat.

IELTS Foundation : Key vocabulary.

Task 2: Complete the passage with words from the box.

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| conclude | crime | diverse | impact | industrial | influence | lifestyle | locals | ranks |
| reaction | reputation | surround | | | | | | |

1. The city where I live has a bad 1. because of its high 2. rate. If you believe everything you read in the newspapers, you might 3. that everyone who visits the city has their wallet stolen or gets attacked in the street the moment they arrive. In recent years this has had a negative 4. on the number of tourists who come to the city, since news stories can really 5. people when they are thinking of visiting a place. I won't pretend that my city is the best place in the world. It's noisy and crowded, and ugly 6. estates 7. it on all sides. In fact, it 8. as sixth on a national list of the country's worst places to live, and for most visitors, their first 9. is 'Oh no, what a horrible place! However, I think this is unfair. There are some attractive old buildings in the city, the 10. population gives the place a colourful, international feel, most of the 11. are friendly and welcoming, and because prices are low, people can afford to enjoy a 12. That is considerably better than in many other cities.