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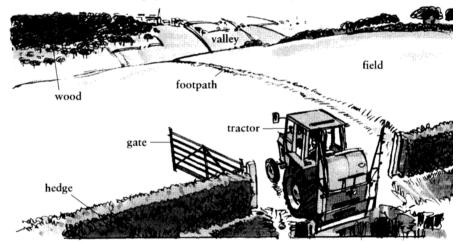
Towns

Here are some of the things you will find in most big towns. a commercial centre: an area with lots of banks and company offices shopping centres: places with many shops, either indoors or outdoors car parks: places to leave many cars factories: buildings where you make/manufacture things, e.g. cars suburbs: areas outside the centre of town where people live libraries: places where you can borrow books pollution: dirty air because of smoke and petrol fumes night-life: places to go at night, e.g. bars, restaurants, cinemas, theatres, discos, etc.

The country

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Here are some of the things you will find in the countryside.



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Advantages and disadvantages

People who prefer the countryside to big towns, often say this:

Towns:	The countryside:		
are noisy	is quiet and peaceful		
are dirty and polluted	is clean		
are stressful	is calm and relaxing		
are crowded (= full of people)	has lots of open space		
are dangerous	is safe		
People who prefer big towns have a different point of view:			

In the countryside:
there's nothing to do
it's boring
there are only a few shops
there's no night-life

Exercises

60. I Complete this table of opposites.

Big towns and cities	Village life and the countryside
	quiet and peaceful clean air
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exciting	
stressful	
	lots of open spaces
	nothing to do in the evening
dangerous	-

Do you agree with everything in the table above? Put a tick (\checkmark) beside each answer you do, and a (\varkappa) beside each answer you don't. If possible compare and discuss your answers with someone else.

60.2 Organise the words in the box into three groups: things that you usually find in towns (in your country), things you usually find in the country, and things you often find in both town and country.

fields libraries traffic pollution	factories tractors Town Hall valleys	gates car suburbs shopping night-life	0	footpaths	
Town		Country		Тои	on and country

60.3 Look at the picture on the opposite page for one minute, then cover it and complete this text based on the picture.

(2)	., and then followed the (3)	across the
(4)	and down into the	
picnic by the river	and then walked up through the	
side of the (?)	A bit later we cam	ie to a (8) where

60.4 Think of your journey to school, college or work. How many of these things do you see or pass?

a car park	factories	woods	a library	a mus	seum	parking meters
lots of traffic	commuter	rs an	ight club	fields	suburbs	a railway station

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1 Basic vocabulary

Translate the words in green into your own language:

1. It's about ter	n minutes	from	the	town	centre
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- 2. I wish there was a bit more nightlife in this place. (3) (8)
- 3. We live in a fairly quiet street near a park.
- 4. We used to live on a very busy main road.
- 5. My dad's moved to a house in the suburbs.
- 6. I live on the outskirts of Paris.
- 7. It's a quiet residential area.
- 8. She lives in a nice part of town.
- 9. I used to live in a really run-down area.
- 10. There's a large factory which employs over 1000 people.

2 Around town

Match the words on the left with those on the right:

1. city	a. precinct
2. tower	b. bins
3. pedestrian	c. lights
4. litter	d. street
5. bus / cycle	e. block
6. traffic	f. centre
7. main	g. lanes

Now use the expressions in these sentences:

8.	I wish people wouldn't drop rubbish in the street. There are plenty of
	around town.
9.	It's much safer for cyclists to get about these
	days with everywhere.
10.	They're building a huge
	in the centre of town. It's going to house
	around a hundred families.
11.	You can't drive up that street any more.
	They've made it into a
12	. Go straight down this road and turn left at
	the first set of
13	. The traffic system in the is
	impossible. It's all one-way streets.

14. The is where you'll find all the large department stores and banks.

3 Buildings and places

Put the following words into the appropriate columns below. If necessary, use a dictionary.

swimming pool	university
department store	theatre
shopping centre	museum
railway station	school
football stadium	art gallery
opera house	taxi rank
underground	college
leisure centre	mall
multi-storey car park	ice rink

culture	transport	education
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sports	shopping	
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4 Amenities

1. hospital

3. cinema

5. casino

9. library

6. concert hall

7. job centre

The amenities of a town or city are places which provide a service or entertainment. Match the places on the left with the ideas on the right:

- a. gambling b. films
- 2. cathedral c. work and business
- 4. nightclub d. borrowing books
 - e. classical music
 - f. religion
 - g. healthcare
- 8. office block h. looking for work
 - i. drinking and dancing

Tick all the places you have in your town or city.

Has your town / city got a good nightlife?

5 Talking about city life

Complete the sentences with these words:

crowded	traffic	cosmopolitan
stressful	graffiti	rush hour

- 1. Trying to get a seat on the train during the is a nightmare! It's so Driving is even more – the is awful between 5 and 7.
- 2. The walls in the town centre are covered in
- 3. There's a real mix of people in Brighton. It has a very feel to it.

Now do the same with these:

- efficient suburbs property prices convenient public transport commute
- 4. I love it here. Everything I want is only five minutes away. It's so
- 5. Everything's a bit more expensive here and are extremely high. A lot of people have no choice but to live out in the
- in to work.
- 6. It's so easy to get around. is excellent – it's cheap and

Now choose the correct ending for each sentence:

- 7. People are always so busy. Everybody's
- 8. The roads are terrible. I'm always getting 9. The underground system is impossible. I'm always
- 10. London's so big. It took me ages to
- a. getting lost.
- b. find my way round.
- c. stuck in traffic.
- d. rushing about all the time.

6 Problems

Do you have the following problems where you live? Check any words you don't know in your dictionary.

- homelessness
- beggars
- traffic congestion
- sub-standard housing
- unsafe areas (no-go areas)
- prostitution (red-light districts)
- vandalism
- pollution
- a high crime rate
- high unemployment
- racial tension
- overcrowding

7 Vocabulary notes

Here are extra notes on vocabulary connected with town and cities. Use the following words to complete the notes:

estate	high-rise	street
crossing	commuters	road

- 1. A always has buildings on one or both sides.
- 2. A may or may not have buildings on either side.
- 3. A housing is a large number of flats or houses built close together at the same time. It is part of the town, but away from the centre.
- 4. Tower blocks are also called blocks or flats.
- 5. A pedestrian is a specified place on the road where people can cross. It is sometimes called a zebra
- 6. People who commute to work every day are called

ANSWER KEY:

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60.1	Towns	Villages		
	noisy	quiet and peaceful clean air		
	dirty and polluted			
	exciting	boring		
	stressful	relaxing		
	crowded	lots of open space		
	lots to do	nothing to do in the evening		
	dangerous	safe		
60.2	Possible answers			
	Town	Country Town and c		

	Town factories shopping cent pollution night-life Town Hall, su		<i>Country</i> fields woods tractors villages valleys	Town and country gates car parks footpaths libraries traffic
60.3	1 gate	3 path	5 valley	7 valley
	2 tractor	4 field	6 wood	8 village

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Exercise 2: 1f 2e 3a 4b 5g 6c 7d 8. litter bins 9. cycle lanes 10. tower block 11. pedestrian precinct 12. traffic lights 13. city centre 14. main street Exercise 3: culture: opera house, theatre, museum, art gallery transport: railway station, underground, multi-storey car park, taxi rank education: university, school, college **sports:** swimming pool, football stadium, leisure centre, ice rink shopping: department store, shopping centre, mall **Exercise 4:** lg 2f 3b 4i 5a 6e 7h 8c 9d Exercise 5: 1. rush hour, crowded, stressful, traffic 2. graffiti 3. cosmopolitan 4. convenient 5. property prices, suburbs, commute 6. public transport, efficient 7d 8c 9a 10b Exercise 7: 1. street 2. road 3. estate 4. high-rise, high-rise 5. crossing, crossing 6. commuters