

## ● What is a city?

A city is a place... where lots of people live in a small area / which has a large population of people. They are larger / more important / bigger than towns or villages. Today about half the world's population lives in cities.

## ● What is the difference between city and town?

A town is bigger than a village but smaller than a city. A city is a large metropolitan area with lots of people. A city in the UK normally has a cathedral and the Queen has given it official city status. In the Czech Republic a town must have at least 3,000 inhabitants and facilities like schools, doctor's offices and there must be pavements (BrE) / sidewalks (AmE).

## ● Can you describe what you can find in a city?

Every city / town has a centre / square / downtown (AmE). In the centre there are... shops / schools / doctor's offices (AmE) / surgeries (BrE) / dentists / hospitals and police stations. In a large city you can find restaurants / museums / art galleries / theatres / cinemas / large shopping centres / malls with car parks (BrE) / parking lots (AmE). In historic towns / cities you can find a castle / fort / old buildings / statues. Also the city has offices where people work, and sometimes factories / warehouses. In every city there are residential areas where people live in houses or apartments (AmE) / flats (BrE).

## ● What are the positive things about living in a city?

You can do a lot in a city like go to the cinema / a restaurant / museum / art gallery / concert / see a film. There are really good sports facilities / sports clubs. People can go to bars / pubs, and dance clubs. You can meet lots of people in a city / have fun in a city / find more interesting jobs / more job opportunities. There is good public transport in a city: you can get a train, or tram, or bus anywhere.

## ● What are the negative things about living in a city?

I think / In my opinion... cities must be very busy / crowded / loud. The streets / some parts of the city / neighbourhoods can be... dirty / ugly and even dangerous. There are lots of cars / buses and traffic in a city and there are not many places to go to get fresh air and see nature / wildlife. It must be very expensive to pay rent / to live in a city.

## ● What does it mean when you say 'capital city'?

Most countries have many cities, but normally only one city is called the 'capital city' / the capital. It is the city where the government of the country is located. So all the important offices like parliament where laws are made, and the highest court are there. The country's political leaders are also based in the capital.

## ● Can you name any English-speaking capital cities?

London is the capital city of the United Kingdom, Washington D.C. is the capital of the USA. Ottawa is the capital of Canada. Canberra is the capital of Australia and Wellington is the capital of New Zealand. Dublin is the capital city of Ireland.

## ● Can you describe any famous cities?

Athens is an ancient / a very old city with lots of history. Paris is the capital city of France and is famous for its Eiffel Tower. New York is a busy / modern city in America, famous for its skyscrapers. London is a very crowded city with lots of people from all over the world. Budapest is a historic city with beautiful buildings and hot spas.

## ● What is your favourite town / city? Why?

I like Prague / Liberec / Brno / Olomouc because... it is beautiful / small / pretty / friendly / historic / there is lots to do. I like the town I live in because... it is busy / interesting / has friendly people. I think it's a good place to live. I like Rome because of its interesting architecture and the great pasta. I don't have a favourite city or town because I prefer the countryside.

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