

4 City Living

Word Focus

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- 4.1 slum** (n) /slʌm/
a very poor area in a city, where people live in old dirty buildings • *Benji grew up in the slums of Cairo.*
- 4.2 discrimination** (n) /dɪˌskrɪmɪˈneɪʃn/
when you treat sb or a group of people differently, usually in a worse way, than others
• *We need laws that will help stop discrimination against the elderly.* > discriminate (v)
- 4.3 mugged** (adj) /mʌgd/
attacked and robbed in a public place • *Amy was mugged in front of her house.* > mug (v), mugger (n)
- 4.4 gritty** (adj) /'grɪti/
difficult, unpleasant or unattractive • *The documentary shows the gritty side of life in this city.*

Reading

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- 4.5 favela** (n) /fæ'velə/
a very poor area in Brazil, with small houses that are close together and in bad condition
• *Erlen lives in a favela in Rio.*
- 4.6 settlement** (n) /'setlmənt/
a place where people have come to live • *The family lived in a small settlement in the forest.* > settle (v)
- 4.7 cramped** (adj) /kræmpt/
not having enough room to move freely • *The house is really small, so we're cramped.*
- 4.8 resident** (n) /'rezɪdənt/
sb who lives in a particular place • *The residents of the village got cut off by snow last winter.*
> reside (v), residence (n)
- 4.9 middle-class** (adj) /'mɪdl kla:s/
connected with educated people who have good jobs and are neither very rich nor very poor • *He comes from a middle-class family.*
> middle class (n)
- 4.10 urban** (adj) /'zɜ:bən/
in or of a town or city • *More parks in urban areas would make towns more pleasant to live in.*
- 4.11 resources** (n) /rɪ'sɔ:sɪz/
sth that a person, organisation or country has and can use • *We have to make the best use of the resources we've got.*
- 4.12 disadvantaged person** (n) /,dɪsəd'va:ntɪdʒd 'pɜ:sn/
sb who does not have the things they need to succeed in life • *The organisation helps disadvantaged people find work.*
- 4.13 fortunate** (adj) /'fɔ:tʃənət/
lucky • *I was fortunate enough to find a job that I liked.* > fortune (n), fortunately (adv)
☞ Opp: unfortunate
- 4.14 insecure** (adj) /,ɪnʃɪ'kjʊə(r)/
not safe or protected • *Living in this neighbourhood, we often feel insecure.*
> insecurity (n) ☞ Opp: secure
- 4.15 depend on** (phr v) /dɪ'pend ɒn/
If sth depends on sth else, it is changed or decided by that thing. • *Your future depends on how well you do in this exam.*
- 4.16 alley** (n) /'æli/
a narrow street with walls on both sides
• *The alley behind the shops was dark and scary at night.*
- 4.17 common sense** (n) /'kɒmən sɛns/
when you are able to think and do the right thing and avoid mistakes • *It's common sense to keep matches away from children.*
- 4.18 plus side** (n) /plʌs saɪd/
the good things about sth; the advantages of sth
• *On the plus side, you can spend more time with your family now.*
- 4.19 buzz** (n) /bʌz/
a lot of activity, noise and excitement • *We could hear the buzz of the city from our hotel room.*
> buzz (v)
- 4.20 universe** (n) /'ju:nɪvɜ:s/
the Earth and all the planets, stars and everything else in space • *It was an interesting documentary about how the universe began.*
- 4.21 pedestrian** (n) /pə'destriən/
a person walking in the street • *Were any pedestrians injured in the accident?*
- 4.22 pastry shop** (n) /'peɪstri ʃɒp/
a shop that sells different kinds of small cakes
• *Everything in that pastry shop is delicious!*
- 4.23 typical** (adj) /'tɪpɪkl/
If sth is typical, it is a good example of a particular group or thing. • *This painting is typical of her work.*
- 4.24 on the run** (expr) /ɒn ðə rʌn/
in a hurry; while doing sth else. • *He's busy, so he often eats on the run!*
- 4.25 victim** (n) /'vɪktɪm/
a person or thing that is hurt, killed or damaged by sb or sth • *Unfortunately, the victim died two hours after the attack.*
- 4.26 local council** (n) /'ləʊkl 'kaʊnsəl/
a group of people who are chosen to make rules and decide things in a particular town or area • *The local council has decided to build a sports centre.*
- 4.27 inhabitant** (n) /ɪn'hæbɪtənt/
sb who lives in a particular place • *This island has only three thousand inhabitants.* > inhabit (v)

- 4.28 flatmate** (n) /'flætmeɪt/
sb who shares a flat with you • *I share a flat with a flatmate, so we pay half the rent each.*
- 4.29 landlord** (n) /'lændlɔ:d/
a man who rents a building, house, flat, etc to sb
• *The landlord who owns our flat is not a very helpful man.*
- 4.30 landlady** (n) /'lændleɪdi/
a woman who rents a building, house, flat, etc to sb • *The landlady showed us round the flat and told us how much rent she charged.*
- 4.31 lodger** (n) /'lɒdʒə/
sb who pays rent to live in a room in sb's house
• *Mrs Smith has two lodgers who live upstairs.*
- 4.32 occupant** (n) /'ɒkjʊpənt/
sb who lives in a building, house, flat, etc
• *The occupants had to leave the building when the fire broke out.* > occupy (v)
- 4.33 squatter** (n) /'skwɒtə/
sb who lives in a building illegally • *When they got back from their long holiday in the United States, they found that squatters were living in their house.*
> squat (v)
- 4.34 tenant** (n) /'tenənt/
sb who pays rent for the house, flat, etc they live in • *The landlord told the tenant that the rent was going up.*
- 4.35 rent** (n) /rent/
money you pay to a landlord/landlady to live in a building, house, flat, etc • *The rent for this flat is 700 euros a month.* > rent (v)
- 4.36 commercial** (adj) /kə'mɜ:ʃl/
related to buying and selling things • *The major department stores are located in the commercial district of the town.* > commercialise, (v)
commerce (n)
- 4.37 industrial** (adj) /ɪn'dʌstriəl/
relating to the mass production of goods
• *He works at a factory in the industrial park just outside town.* > industry (n), industrialist (n)
- 4.38 inner-city** (adj) /'ɪnə-'sɪti/
near the centre of a large city, especially where the people are poor • *Inner-city areas are often dirty and have high crime rates.*
- 4.39 outskirts** (pl n) /'aʊtskɜ:ts/
the edge of town • *He gets a train to the centre of town as he lives on the outskirts in a quiet area.*
- 4.40 residential** (adj) /rezɪ'denʃl/
where there are only houses and not factories or offices • *The residential area she lives in has many large houses.* > residence, resident (n)
- 4.41 suburb** (n) /'sʌbɜ:b/
an area of a town or city where people live which is not in the town/city centre • *Kallithea is one of the largest suburbs of Athens.* > suburbia (n), suburban (adj)
- 4.42 majority** (n) /mə'dʒɔ:rəti/
the largest part of a group of people or things
• *The majority of students agree with me.*
📎 Opp: minority
- 4.43 avenue** (n) /'ævɪnju:z/
a wide road in a town or city, often with trees along it • *The avenue was wide and there were trees all along its length.*
- 4.44 tree-lined** (adj) /tri:ləɪnd/
with trees on both sides • *We drove along a tree-lined road.*
- 4.45 pavement** (n) /'peɪvmənt/
a path at the side of a road for people to walk on • *We walked along the pavement and then stopped at the kerb before we crossed the road.*
- 4.46 parking meter** (n) /'pɑ:kɪŋ 'mɪ:tə/
a machine at the side of a road in which you put money if you want to park your car next to it
• *She put some coins in the parking meter and went shopping for two hours.*
- 4.47 approach** (v) /ə'prəʊtʃ/
come near sb or sth • *As you approach the city centre, you'll see a park on your left.*
- 4.48 junction** (n) /'dʒʌŋkʃn/
a place where two or more roads meet • *There's a stop sign at the next junction so start slowing down now.*
- 4.49 traffic light** (n) /'træfɪk laɪt/
a set of red, amber and green lights at junctions
• *The traffic light is green so you can go.*
- 4.50 street sign** (n) /stri:t saɪn/
a sign at the side of a road with symbols that give drivers information • *That street sign means 'No parking,' so you can't park here.*
- 4.51 speed bump** (n) /spi:d bʌmp/
a part in a road which is built a little higher to make traffic go slowly • *There are speed bumps in the road outside this primary school, so drive slowly.*
- 4.52 pedestrian area** (n) /pə'destriən 'zɜ:riə/
a shopping area in a town where vehicles cannot go • *The city centre is a pedestrian area, so you can't drive there.*
- 4.53 zebra crossing** (n) /'zebrə 'krɒsɪŋ/
white stripes on road where people can cross • *It's safer to cross the street at the zebra crossing.*
- 4.54 speed camera** (n) /spi:d 'kæmərə/
a camera that takes photographs of cars that are travelling faster than the speed limit
• *He was going over a hundred kilometres an hour and the speed camera got a photo of his licence plate.*
- 4.55 speed limit** (n) /spi:d 'lɪmɪt/
the fastest speed you are allowed to drive • *If you drive faster than the speed limit and you are caught, you have to pay a fine.*

Grammar

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- 4.56** **roof** (n) /ru:f/
the structure that covers or forms the top of a building • *Dad set up a new TV aerial on the roof.*
- 4.57** **move out** (phr v) /mu:v aʊt/
leave the place you live in • *Her parents felt sad when she moved out to live in her own flat.*
- 4.58** **ladder** (n) /'lædə(r)/
a thing that you climb up when you want to reach a high place • *He climbed up the ladder and got in through the window.*
- 4.59** **estate agent** (n) /'I'steɪt 'eɪdʒənt/
a person whose job is to sell houses and land • *The estate agent showed us the house.*
- 4.60** **town hall** (n) /taʊn hɔ:l/
a public building used for a town's local government • *I got a copy of my birth certificate at the town hall.*
- 4.61** **collapse** (v) /kə'læps/
fall down suddenly • *The old house collapsed in the earthquake.*

Listening

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- 4.62** **dweller** (n) /'dwelə/
sb who lives in a particular place • *Few city dwellers have a garden.* > dwell (v)
- 4.63** **citizen** (n) /'sɪtɪzən/
a legal inhabitant of a country • *After living in Canada for over ten years, James decided to become a citizen so that he could vote.* > citizenship (n)
- 4.64** **constant** (adj) /'kɒnstənt/
continual • *The constant noise in this flat is awful, it's even noisy at night!* > constantly (adv)
- 4.65** **level** (n) /'levl/
amount • *There was a high level of anticipation in the stadium as the fans waited for the band to arrive.*
- 4.66** **rural** (adj) /'rʊərəl/
in or of the countryside • *She lives on a farm in the heart of rural England.*
- 4.67** **regulate** (v) /'regju:leɪt/
control • *She takes medicine to regulate her blood pressure.* > regulation (n)
- 4.68** **on a regular basis** (expr) /ʌn ə 'regjələ(r) 'beɪsɪs/
often or at the same time each day, week, etc • *We meet on a regular basis.*
- 4.69** **town planner** (n) /taʊn 'plænə/
sb who studies the way towns work so that roads, houses, services etc can be provided effectively • *This pedestrian shopping area was designed by a town planner.* > town planning (n)
- 4.70** **coast** (n) /kəʊst/
land next to the sea • *It's often windy here on the coast as nothing protects us from the sea.* > coastal (adj)

- 4.71** **inland** (adj) /'ɪnlənd/
far from the coast • *People prefer to spend their summer holidays on the coast rather than in inland areas.* > inland (n)
- 4.72** **home town** (n) /həʊm taʊn/
the town where you were born and grew up • *He has a Welsh accent because his home town is Cardiff.*
- 4.73** **mainly** (adv) /'meɪnli/
mostly; more than anything else • *The club is popular with local residents, mainly teenagers.*
- 4.74** **claim** (v) /kleɪm/
say sth is true • *Mum claims to be descended from royalty, but I don't think she is.* > claim (n)
- 4.75** **salary** (n) /'sæləri/
money that you are paid every month by the organisation or person you work for • *His salary has gone down and now he can't pay the rent.*
- 4.76** **low** (adj) /'ləʊ/
below the usual or expected standard • *Students with low marks had to do the exam again.* 🗉 Opp: high
- 4.77** **standard of living** (n) /stændəd əv 'lɪvɪŋ/
the type of life a person has according to the amount of money they have • *The family's standard of living has dropped since both parents lost their jobs.*
- 4.78** **on the rise** (expr) /ʌn ðə raɪz/
If sth is on the rise, it is increasing. • *Police say that crime is on the rise.*
- 4.79** **quality** (n) /'kwɒləti/
how good or bad sth is • *The quality of her work is amazing.*
- 4.80** **operate** (v) /'ɒpəreɪt/
work • *The machine was not operating properly.* > operation, operator (n)
- 4.81** **mood swing** (n) /mu:d swɪŋ/
change in how you feel • *Shelly has mood swings, so one minute she's happy and the next she's furious.*
- 4.82** **mental health** (n) /'mentl helθ/
the condition of your mind • *Her son suffered from mental health problems.*
- 4.83** **health-care worker** (n) /helθ-keə 'wɜ:kə/
sb whose job is to look after sick people • *A health-care worker visits Grandma once a day to help her take her medicine.*

Speaking

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- 4.84** **I couldn't agree more.** (expr) /'aɪ 'kʊdnt ə'gri: mɔ:/
used to show that you agree with sb completely • *'We should wait.' 'I couldn't agree more.'*
- 4.85** **entirely** (adv) /ɪn'taɪəli/
completely • *I entirely agree with you.*
- 4.86** **up to a point** (expr) /ʌp tu ə pɔɪnt/
to some degree but not completely • *Yes, that's true, but only up to a point.*

4.87 convinced (adj) /kən'vɪnst/
completely sure that sth is true • *I was convinced that she was right.* > convince (v)

Grammar

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- 4.88 accommodation** (n) /ə,kɒmə'deɪʃn/
a place to stay or live • *Finding cheap accommodation in London won't be easy.*
- 4.89 laboratory** (n) /lə'bɒrətɹi/
a special room where scientists work • *Do they do tests on animals in these laboratories?*
- 4.90 carton** (n) /'kɑ:tən/
a cardboard container • *You can buy a carton of orange juice at a kiosk if you get thirsty.*
- 4.91 loaf** (n) /ləʊf/
bread that has been baked in one piece
• *Can I have a loaf of bread, please?*
- 4.92 distinctive** (adj) /dɪs'tɪŋktɪv/
easily recognisable • *Santorini has very distinctive black sand on its beaches.*
- 4.93 estimate** (v) /'estɪmeɪt/
try to judge the size, cost etc of sth, without calculating it exactly • *It is estimated that there are around 1,000 homeless people living on the streets of this city.* > estimate (n), estimation (n)
- 4.94 abandoned** (adj) /ə'bændənd/
no longer used by the people who own it
• *There are squatters living in that abandoned building.* > abandon (v)
- 4.95 crumbling** (adj) /'krʌmblɪŋ/
with pieces falling off • *The building looked terrible because of the crumbling walls inside and out.*
> crumble (v)
- 4.96 board up** (phr v) /bɔ:d ʌp/
cover one or more windows or doors of a house with long flat pieces of wood • *They boarded up the door so no one could open it.*
- 4.97 come to life** (expr) /kʌm tə laɪf/
become exciting, interesting or full of activity
• *The party came to life again when they arrived.*
- 4.98 canvas** (n) /'kænvəs/
a material or place you can paint on • *The wall was a canvas for graffiti artists.*
- 4.99 brighten up** (phr v) /'braɪtn ʌp/
make sth more pleasant or enjoyable • *The pink curtains brightened up the room.*
- 4.100 charm** (n) /tʃɑ:m/
sth that makes people like a person or place • *The town still has its traditional charm.*
> charm (v), charming (adj)

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4.101 hang out (phr v) /hæŋ aʊt/
spend time with others socially • *She hangs out with her friends at the local café.*

4.102 move into (phr v) /mu:v 'ɪntu:z/
start living in a place • *He has just moved into a larger flat so he has much more space for his stuff.*

4.103 settle down (phr v) /'setl daʊn/
start living a fixed and routine life • *'At last you are getting married and settling down,' said Grandma.*

4.104 ghost town (n) /gəʊst taʊn/
a town that used to have people in it, but now has very few or none • *After the war, many places became ghost towns because the residents had been killed.*

4.105 talk of the town (expr) /tɔ:k əv ðə taʊn/
sth or sb everyone is talking about • *John is the talk of the town in his new Mercedes; everybody is admiring it.*

4.106 a night on the town (expr) /ə naɪt ɒn ðə taʊn/
a fun night out • *Janice had a night on the town with her friends to celebrate her birthday.*

4.107 paint the town red (expr) /peɪnt ðə taʊn red/
go out and have a great time at night • *We always paint the town red at New Year.*

4.108 town hall (n) /taʊn hɔ:l/
a public building used for a town's local government • *I got a copy of my birth certificate at the town hall.*

4.109 pushing and shoving (expr) /'pʊʃɪŋ ənd 'ʃʌvɪŋ/
when people push each other to get sth
• *There was a lot of pushing and shoving on the first day of the sales.*

4.110 anxiety (n) /æŋ'zɪəti/
a feeling of worry • *Try to control any anxiety you feel before exams.* > anxious (adj)

4.111 density (n) /'densɪti/
how full sth is • *The population density of major cities is high.* > dense (adj)

4.112 square kilometre (n) /skweə(r) 'kɪləmɪ:tə(r) /
the area equal to a square that is one kilometre on each side • *The island is four square kilometres in size.*

4.113 peace and quiet (expr) /pi:s ən 'kwaɪət/
calm • *She went on holiday to a remote island to get some peace and quiet.*

4.114 thrive (v) /'θraɪv/
grow; do well • *Jack thrives on city life and loves the noise and crowds.* > thriving (adj)

4.115 life (in the) fast lane (expr) /laɪf ɪn ðə fɑ:st leɪn/
an exciting, busy way of life that successful people usually have • *As a successful businesswoman, she's living life in the fast lane.*

4.116 take advantage (of) (expr) /teɪk əd'vɑ:ntɪdʒ (əv) /
make good use of sth • *You should take advantage of these special prices.*

4.117 come across (phr v) /kʌm ə'krɒs/
meet or find sb or sth by chance • *I've never come across such a horrible person before!*

- 4.118 private** (adj) /'praɪvət/
for one person or group of people only and not for public use • *The hotel had its own private beach.*
- 4.119 individual** (adj) /ˌɪndɪˈvɪdʒuəl/
for only one person or thing • *All our students get the individual attention they need.*
- 4.120 expansion** (n) /ɪkˈspænjən/
when sth increases in size, amount, etc • *They are discussing the expansion of their business.*
> expand (v)
- 4.121 solid** (adj) /'sɒlɪd/
hard, not in the form of a liquid or gas
• *When water freezes, it becomes solid.*
- 4.122 cement** (n) /sɪˈment/
a powder that is mixed with sand and water to make concrete • *The workmen mixed the cement and then covered our yard with concrete.*

People and housing

flatmate	landlady	occupant	tenant
landlord	lodger	squatter	resident

Writing: an article

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- 4.123 construction** (n) /kənˈstrʌkʃn/
the process of building • *The construction of a new motorway can take years.* > construct (v)
NB: under construction = being built
- 4.124 challenge** (n) /ˈtʃæləndʒ/
sth that tests strength, skill or ability • *Your first job will be a challenge because it is difficult.* > challenge (v), challenging (adj)
- 4.125 publish** (v) /pʌblɪʃ/
to print sth in a newspaper, magazine or book, etc • *Ken's story was published in the school magazine.* > publisher
- 4.126 function** (v) /ˈfʌŋkʃn/
work; operate • *This cooker functions with gas.*
> function (n)
- 4.127 electricity** (n) /ɪlekˈtrɪsəti/
power that is carried by wires and is used to provide light and heat and to make machines work • *Turn off the TV to save electricity.*
> electric (adj)
- 4.128 petrol** (n) /'petrəl/
fuel used to power vehicles • *My old car ran on petrol but my new one is electric.*
- 4.129 fossil fuel** (n) /'fɒsl 'fjuːl/
a substance like coal or oil that was formed underground millions of years ago and is used to create energy • *We are dependent on fossil fuels to provide power for our modern lifestyles.*
- 4.130 run out** (phr v) /rʌn aʊt/
finish; have nothing left • *We have run out of cement, so let's make some more.*

- 4.131 come to a halt** (expr) /kʌm tu ə ˈhɔːlt/
stop • *The car came to a halt outside our front door.*
- 4.132 cease** (v) /siːs/
stop • *Unless we start using sustainable energy, our way of life will cease to exist as we run out of power.*
- 4.133 invest (in)** (v) /ɪnˈvest (ɪn)/
put money, effort or time into sth to make a profit or gain an advantage • *This company invests in people and rewards hard-working employees.* > investment (n)
- 4.134 alternative energy** (n) /ɔːlˈtɜːnətɪv ˈenədʒi/
a different source of energy from fossil fuel
• *Solar power is an alternative energy which companies can invest in here.*

Phrasal verbs

board up	hang out	settle down
brighten up	move into	run out
come across	move out	

- 4.135 essential** (adj) /ɪˈsenʃl/
completely necessary • *Experience is essential for this job.*

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- 4.136 dimension** (n) /daɪˈmenʃn/
particular aspect • *Shrek gave film animation a whole new dimension because the humour appealed to adults.*
- 4.137 admire** (v) /ədˈmaɪə/
respect and like sb or sth • *The painting she admires the most is Da Vinci's Mona Lisa.*
> admirable (adj), admiration, admirer (n)
- 4.138 appreciate** (v) /əˈpriːʃɪeɪt/
understand how good sb or sth is • *I appreciate all your help. I couldn't have done everything by myself.*
> appreciation (n), appreciative (adj)
- 4.139 setting** (n) /'setɪŋ/
the place where sth is or where sth happens
• *That big room was the perfect setting for our show.*
- 4.140 fundamentally** (adv) /fʌndəˈmentəli/
used when you are talking about the most important thing about sb or sth • *Fundamentally, he is a nice person, but he doesn't make friends easily.*
- 4.141 exploration** (n) /ˌekspləˈreɪʃn/
looking for and finding sth new • *One of the greatest achievements of space exploration was the moon landing of 1969.* > explore (v), explorer (n)
- 4.142 generation** (n) /dʒenəˈreɪʃn/
all the people who were born at about the same time • *The younger generation are not interested in politics.*
- 4.143 innovative** (adj) /ɪˈnɒvətɪv/
clever and new • *There are some innovative machines in this shop.* > innovate (v), innovation (n)

- 4.144 bucket** (n) /'bʌkɪt/
a round container with handles for holding liquid
• *Fill this bucket with water and wash the windows.*
- 4.145 bold** (adj) /bɔːld/
colourful; bright • *I don't really like the bold colours in this painting; I prefer pastels.*
- 4.146 uninhibited** (adj) /ʌnɪn'hɪbɪtɪd/
confident or relaxed enough to do what you want to
• *He paints in an uninhibited way and does not worry about what people will think.* 📝 Opp: inhibited

- 4.147 inventive** (adj) /ɪn'ventɪv/
very good at thinking of new and original ideas
• *Whoever came up with the idea of the mobile phone must have been very inventive.* ➤ invent (v), invention (n) 📝 Opp: uninventive
- 4.148 deal** (n) /di:l/
agreement • *You will need a record deal if you want to make a career out of music.* ➤ deal (v)