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Cities



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Riddle

Which is the most dangerous town (city) in the world?

Answer: Electricity

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Introducing a city

You may want to talk about...

Location / Size

History

Industry

Interesting places

Weather

Location / Size

Manchester's located **in** the north of **England**

Manchester's located **to** the north of **London**

It can be found **in** the south or India

It can be found **on** the south **coast** of India

The zoo is in the **vicinity** of the city centre
=**nearby**, close by, in the neighbourhood of....

Industry

Primary industries such as,

- Agriculture
- Mining
- Farming
- Fishing
- Oil and Gas

Manufacturing

The service industry

- Tourism
- Hospitality
- Recreation
- Food and beverage

The finance industry

IT

The entertainment industry

It **relies** mainly **on** ____*tourism/ the service industry*__

It's **famous for** ____*tourism/ the service industry*____

Its main source of revenue **comes from** __*tourism/ the service industry*_

The economy **depends** mainly **on** ____*tourism/ the service industry*____

Interesting places

Temples / museums / art galleries / beaches / mountains

Places **worth visiting** include _____

Tourists tend **to flock to** _____
(=go in crowds to...)

The places that **attract** most **visitors** are _____

Visitors are **drawn by** the amazing views

*In IELTS speaking you probably don't want to list "**the 10 best things to do**" in your city.*

It's better to just choose one, or maybe two and give more details about those.

If you could **only** do one thing in _London____, I would **recommend going** to the Tate Gallery

The city where I live - Santander, Spain

Collocations from the video

Dreary weather = Dull weather

Mild climate = not hot or cold

Overcast (adj).= cloudy

As for the weather, it's often overcast in my city.

The city **looks over** the **bay**

Holiday-makers = people on holiday

To **nibble at** = to eat in small bites (usually snacks)

Go for a stroll = go for a short walk

Big attraction = popular attraction

Heavy rain

It often throws it down = it often rains heavily

How cities have changed in recent years

Many new buildings have **come** up

...have **sprung** up

....**cropped** up

All the above mean “to appear”

There are lots more skyscrapers now,
...compared to before
...compared to the the past

Cities have become ‘smarter’

There has been an **influx of citizens** into cities

Increased urbanisation

Better quality housing

Higher **living standards**

Higher **cost of living**

More recreational facilities and amenities

More and more shanty cities have appeared
(**slums** = a poor and dirty area around a city)

Urban sprawl = the spread of the city

High street shops are disappearing

This is even more noticeable **following** the Corona virus / **in the wake of** the Corona virus

Advantages of living in a city

Access to culture

High level of convenience

Reliable public transport

Variety of shopping outlets

Entertainment facilities

Better job opportunities

Higher quality education

Better standard of living

Disadvantages of living in a city

Traffic congestion

Pollution

Air pollution / noise pollution / traffic pollution / water pollution

Overcrowding

Dense population

Growth of slums

High rate of unemployment

High cost of living

Wealth inequality

Growing gap/disparity between the rich and poor

High levels of stress

You get stuck in the rat race

(=working 9 to 5 everyday and stuck in a boring routine)○