CITIES – WORD LIST

- **ancient** = old
- **art exhibition** = room or building in which you can see paintings by artists
- **aspect** = way
- **attraction** = something interesting to see
- **attractive** = liked by many people
- **authorities** = the organizations that control and run a city
- **care for** = here: to do things for the residents
- **characteristic** = very typical of something
- **charge** = collect money
- **citizen** = a person who lives in a city or country and has rights there
- **consist of** = made up of
- **craftsman, craftworker** = a skilled worker in a job that involves making things with your hands
- **crime rate** = number of crimes that are committed for every 100,000 people
- **crop** = a plant like wheat or rice that is grown by farmers and sold as food
- **crowded** = many people in a small area
- **department store** = a large store that is divided into many sections; each section sells something else
- **developing country** = country that is changing its economy from farming to industries and services
- **discover** = to find something new
- **disease** = illness
- **distance** = space from one place to another
- **drug addiction** = if you have to take drugs regularly without stopping
- **due to** = because of
- **dump** = get rid of; throw away
- **electricity** = the power that is in wires and cables and which is used to make things work
- **emerge** = come up
- **especially** = above all
- **expand** = grow; get bigger
- **factory** = building in which people produce goods with machines
- **fee** = small amount of money that you pay for a service
- **flat** = apartment
- **focus on** = to be in the spotlight; concentrate on
- **gap** = difference
- **garbage** = waste
- **goldsmith** = someone who makes or sells things made of gold
- **Gothic** = building style with sharp tall towers
- **government** = the people who rule a city or country
- **growth** = increase, when something gets bigger
- **guild** = organization of people who have the same jobs
- **harbour** = place where ships stay when they load or unload goods
- **housing** = the houses that people live in and in which condition they are
- **include** = to be a part of something
- **increasingly** = more and more
- **infrastructure** = the basic systems that a country or city need to function, like transport or communication
- **inhabitant** = person who lives in a place
- **lack** = not have enough of
- **landfill** = place where waste is buried under the ground
- **mayor** = the highest official in a city, the person in charge of a city
- **medieval** = about the Middle Ages
- **Mediterranean** = region between Europe and Africa
- **merchant** = person who buys and sells things
- **Mesopotamia** = area in Western Asia around the River Tigris and the River Euphrates in Iraq, where, in ancient times, the world's first cities were built
- **metropolitan** = belonging to and about a city
- **migrate** = to go to another country to live or find work there
- **mill** = factory that produces material like cotton, cloth, or paper
- **multiethnic** = full of people from different countries

- **newcomer** = someone who has just arrived
- **occupy** = here: take up
- **offer** = give
- **opportunity** = chance
- **outcast** = someone who is not accepted by other people, outsider
- **owner** = person who something belongs to
- **pleasure** = happiness, satisfaction
- **police force** = the police organization of a city
- **pollute** = to make dirty
- **population** = all the people who live in a certain place
- **poverty** = the situation of being poor
- **prehistoric** = ancient, old
- **previous** = some time ago
- **profit** = income, money you earn
- **protect** = defend, keep safe
- **provide** = give
- **public transportation** = buses, trains, subways that are here for everyone to use
- **public** = open to everybody
- **raise animals** = feed animals so that you can sell their milk or meat
- **reach** = to go from one place to another
- **rebuild** = build again
- **reduce** = make lower
- **relax** = rest
- **resident** = a person who lives in a city or town
- **residential area** = part of town where only people live; there are no factories or offices
- **run-down** = in very bad condition
- **rush hour** = time of day when lots of cars travel; buses and trains are full because many people are travelling to work
- **rust** = reddish-brown material that forms when steel or iron gets wet
- **sanitation** = to remove waste and make dirty water clean again
- **servant** = person who works in the household
- **services** = special help or work

- **settle** = to start living in a place
- **sewage system** = waste and used water that a house produces ; it is transported away in pipes under the ground
- **shopping mall** = shopping centre with many types of stores
- **skilled** = to be able to do special work
- **skyscraper** = very tall and modern building
- **slave** = someone who is owned by another person and works for them for little or no money
- **slum** = a house or an area of a city that is in very bad condition, where very poor people live
- **soldier** = a person who goes to war for their country
- **spread** = to move from one place to another
- **suburb** = area far away from the city centre where many people live
- **surrounding** = near or around an object
- **tailor** = a person who makes clothes so that they fit a person perfectly
- **tear down** = destroy
- **temple** = a building where people go to pray
- **term** = word, phrase
- **terraced house** = a house which is part of a row of houses joined together
- **trade** = to buy and sell things
- **traffic jam** = long line of cars on a road that cannot move or move very slowly
- **urban** = city-like
- **variety** = many different ...
- **vehicle** = machine with an engine that transports people or things
- **village** = a very small town in the countryside
- **wage** = the money someone gets for a job
- **warehouse** = large building where many products are stored
- **waste** = unwanted materials that people throw away after they have used them
- **wealthy** = rich