**Cities**

**affluent** someone who is affluent is very rich. The noun is **affluence**: *a fairly ~ area / an ~ family / an ~ businessman / an ~ lifestyle*

**appalling** something that is appalling is extremely bad. **Appalled** is also an adjective: *an ~ crime/ live in ~ conditions / I was absolutely appalled.*

**buzz** if there is a buzz in a place, it is lively and exciting. The adjective is **buzzing**: *the area has a real ~ / there’s a real ~ in the city / the whole place is buzzing.*

**congestion** if there is congestion, a place is too crowded with people or vehicles. The adjective is **congested***: measures to curb ~ in the city centre / severe traffic ~/ it led to ~ in the centre / reduce the ~ / the roads are heavily congested.*

**derelict** a derelict building is empty and in bad condition: *a ~ building / ~ houses / the building now stands ~ / ~ land.*

**downside** a downside is a disadvantage. The opposite is **upside**: *what are the ~s? the ~s of where you live / a big ~/ one of the upsides of living in London*

**drawback** a drawback is a disadvantage: *the main ~ of living here / a major ~ of the scheme*

**run-down** a run-down building or area is in bad condition: *the building was very ~ / extremely ~ / it’s a bit ~ now / a ~ area of the city*

**sprawling** a sprawling city covers a large area in an untidy way. The noun is **sprawl**: *a large ~ city / miles and miles of urban sprawl*

**vibrant** something that is vibrant is lively and exciting: *it’s an incredibly ~ place / a ~ city / a ~ community / a ~ economy*

**demolish** if you demolish a building, you destroy it deliberately. The noun is **demolition***: a lot of the old building were ~ed / the building is due to demolition.*

**dip** if a number or amount dip, it becomes lower. **Dip** is also a noun: *the number of murders had dipped below 400 / profit dipped by 4% / prices dipped sharply / a ~ in price / a sharp ~ in inflation / a slight ~ in house prices.*

**flourish** if something flourishes, it is very successful: *many businesses are now ~ ing / a ~ing community*

**lose out** if you lose out, you do not get an advantage that other people are getting: *the city lost out on development grant / worried we might ~*

**recruit** if you recruit someone, you get them to join a company or organization. A **recruit** is someone who has recently joned a company or organization: *they want to ~more police officers / the company ~s large numbers of graduates / army’s ~s.*

**rough** a rough place is not pleasant because it has a lot of crime: *the area use to be quite ~ / a ~ housing estate / a ~ neighborhood / some parts of the city are a bit ~*

**rubble** rubble is the stones and bricks from a building that has been destroyed: *the house was reduced to a pile of ~/ a heap of ~/ people are still trapped in the ~/ buried under the ~/ searching trough the ~ for survivors.*

**thrive** if something is thriving, it is successful. If someone is thriving, they are happy and healthy: *the business is not thriving / a thriving economy / the city is thriving / most plants ~ with plenty of water and heat*

**underestimate** if you underestimate something, you think it is less important or less serious than it really is. The opposite is **overestimate**: *we ~d the problem / don’t ~ the importance of a good diet*

**undergo i**f you undergo something, you experience it. The past tense is **underwent** and the past participle is **undergone**: *the stories ~ change over time / ~ an operation on my knee.*

**brim** the brim of a cup r bowl is its top edge: *coffee cups full to the ~/ filled to the ~*

**burgle** if someone burgles a place, they go into it and steal things from it. A **burglary** is a crime in which a place is burgled. A **burglar** is someone who commits a burglary: *the house has been ~d three times / we’ve been ~d/ an attempted burglary*

**deep-rooted** a deep-rooted feelings or belief is very strong and difficult to change*: ~ fears / ~ prejudice / a ~ hatred of politicians*

**merit** the merits of something are its good points: *the literacy ~s of the stories/ assess the ~s of both ideas*

**voice** if you voice your ideas or feelings, you talk about them : *a chance to ~ your worries/ ~ your fears/ ~ your opinion*

**IDIOMS**

**rolling in money**

**the spitting image**

**spread like wildfire**

**by and large**

**give or take**

**here and there**

**long and hard**

**now and then**