Cities and hometowns ESL lesson plan (A2)

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Stage	Time
Warm-up	5–10 min
Vocabulary	15 min
Controlled practice	10 min
Speaking	15 min
Wrap-up and homework	5 min

1. Warm-up (5–10 min)

- Where are you from?
- Is it a big city or a small town?
- What is there to do in your town?

2. Vocabulary (15 min)

Elicit each word before you give it, model the pronunciation, then check meaning with a quick question.

Word	Meaning	Example
hometown	the town or city where you were born or grew up	My hometown is on the coast.
neighborhood	an area of a town where people live (British English: neighbourhood)	I love my neighborhood.
downtown	the center of a city (American English)	We went shopping downtown.
city center	the main part of a city with shops and offices (British English: city centre)	My office is in the city center.
suburbs	areas where people live outside the center of a city	We moved to the suburbs.
traffic	the cars and buses on the road	There's a lot of traffic in the morning.
crowded	full of people	The buses are always crowded.
modern	new and using new ideas	The city has lots of modern buildings.
historic	old and important in history	We walked around the historic center.
famous	known by many people	The city is famous for its bridges.

Speaking (15 min): Mayor for a day

The learner is mayor with a budget for three changes. They present each change, who benefits and who complains. You play a local journalist with one difficult question per change.

Useful language

- It's in the north / on the coast / near...
- There's plenty to do. / There's not much going on.
- It's much bigger than it used to be.
- It's famous for...
- crowded · lively · safe · run-down
- You should definitely go to...

Wrap-up and homework (5 min)

- Each learner says the three new words they will remember, and one sentence with each.
- Homework: write 80–120 words about cities and hometowns using at least six words from the lesson.
- Self-study: the A2 cities and hometowns vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 22 words.

Cities and hometowns (A2)

Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

traffic lights · blocks · corner · bridges · building · Turn left · Go straight on · tower

B. Complete the sentences

Use a word from the word bank. Then compare with a partner.

1. _____ for two blocks.
2. It's three _____ from here.
3. There are ten _____ over the river.
4. The bank is on the _____.
5. Turn left at the _____.
6. It's the tallest _____ in the country.
7. _____ after the bank.
8. You can see the whole city from the _____.

C. Talk with a partner

Ask and answer. Make notes of one interesting answer to report to the class.

1. What is your favourite place there?
2. Is it expensive?
3. How do people get around?
4. What is the weather like?
5. Do you like living there?

Write

Write 80–120 words about cities and hometowns. Use six words from the lesson.

Answer key

B. Complete the sentences: 1 Go straight on · 2 blocks · 3 bridges · 4 corner · 5 traffic lights · 6 building · 7 Turn left · 8 tower