Cities and hometowns ESL lesson plan (B1)

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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)

- How has your home town changed since you were a child?
- What are the best and worst things about living there?
- Where would you take a visitor for one afternoon?

2. Vocabulary (15 min)

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

Word	Meaning	Example
nightlife	entertainment like bars and clubs at night	The city has amazing nightlife.
lively	full of energy and activity	It's a lively area with lots of bars.
residential	with houses rather than offices or shops	I live in a residential area.
pedestrian zone	an area of a city where cars are not allowed	The old town is a pedestrian zone.
landmark	a famous building or place that is easy to recognize	The tower is the city's best-known landmark.
skyline	the shape of the buildings against the sky	The New York skyline is amazing at night.
local	from or in the area where you live	I always shop at local markets.
resident	a person who lives in a place	Residents complained about the noise.
population	the number of people who live in a place	The city has a population of two million.
rush hour	the busy time when people travel to and from work	Avoid the subway at rush hour.

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 B1 cities and hometowns vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 22 words.

Cities and hometowns (B1)

Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

facilities · Rent · run-down · multicultural · outskirts · vibrant · commuters · cost of living

B. Complete the sentences

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

1. The train was full of _____.
2. The town has great sports _____.
3. The _____ here is high.
4. _____ is very expensive in the center.
5. It's a _____ city with a great art scene.
6. The area was _____ ten years ago.
7. They live on the _____ of the city.
8. London is very _____.

C. Talk with a partner

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

1. Would you rather live in a big city or a small town? Why?
2. Which city that you have visited would you like to live in?
3. What is missing in your town?
4. Is your neighbourhood a good place to grow up?
5. What do people from your town have in common?

Write

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

Answer key

B. Complete the sentences: 1 commuters · 2 facilities · 3 cost of living · 4 Rent · 5 vibrant · 6 run-down · 7 outskirts · 8 multicultural