

Urbanisation

Word list

urbanization

the process by which towns and cities are formed and become larger as more and more people begin living and working in central areas

▪ *rapid urbanization* ▪ *the effects/process of urbanization*

push and pull factors

The push factor involves a force which acts to drive people away from a place and the pull factor is what draws them to a new location.

urban sprawl

a situation in which large stores, groups of houses, etc., are built in an area around a city that formerly had few people living in it

▪ efforts to stop/prevent *urban sprawl*

megacity

usually defined as a metropolitan area with a total population in excess of 10 million people.

shanty town

a small, simple building that is roughly made from sheets of wood, plastic, etc., and that is used as a house by poor people

entertainment

amusement or pleasure that comes from watching a performer, playing a game, etc.

▪ *Entertainment* was provided by jugglers. ▪ plays, movies, and other forms of *entertainment* ▪ They played games in the evening for *entertainment*.

MEDC = More Economically Developed Country, for example:

*America

*UK

*Japan

*South Africa

LEDC = Less Economically Developed Country, for example:

- *Kenya
- *Pakistan
- *Afghanistan
- *India
- *Bangladesh and more.

congestion

too full or crowded with something (such as vehicles or people)

▪ *congested* highways/stores ▪ The house was located in a *congested* area. [=an area with a lot of traffic] ▪ Traffic still gets *congested* because of the bridge construction.

pollution

the action or process of making land, water, air, etc., dirty and not safe or suitable to use

▪ industrial practices that have caused *pollution* of the air and water

decline

1 to become lower in amount or less in number

▪ Oil prices continue to *decline*. [=decrease, fall] ▪ The construction of new houses *declined* five percent this year.
▪ The animal's numbers are *declining* rapidly.

2 to become worse in condition or quality

▪ The patient's condition has *declined*. [=worsened, deteriorated] ▪ My grandmother's health has been *declining* since she broke her hip. ▪ The civilization began to *decline* around 1000 B.C.

derelict

1 no longer cared for or used by anyone

▪ a *derelict* house/ship/place ▪ a slum filled with *derelict* [=run-down, dilapidated] warehouses

rapid

[*more rapid; most rapid*] **1** : happening in a short amount of time : happening quickly

▪ a *rapid* [=quick] change in temperature ▪ There's been *rapid* growth in the number of new businesses in the town. ▪ Scientists are concerned about the *rapid* disappearance of the island's coral reefs.

2 : having a fast rate

▪ a *rapid* heartbeat ▪ *rapid* breathing

3 : moving quickly

▪ She carefully guided the boat through the *rapid* water.

accommodation

a place (such as a room in a hotel) where travelers can sleep and find other services

- We need overnight *accommodations* [=lodging] for four people.
- They weren't sure if they could provide food and *accommodations* for the whole group.
- The *accommodations* on board the boat are a bit cramped.

scrap

a small piece of something that is left after you have used the main part

- a *scrap* (piece) of paper
- She made a quilt from fabric *scraps*.
- All that is left of the blanket is a *scrap* or two.

