

Practice with your Skype Buddy

Below are the words and phrases covered in the materials. You will now have a chance to practise them with your Skype Buddy. Read each question before you meet your buddy. Make a quick plan for each topic question. Try to use the new words you have learnt.

Warm-Up Questions (Short answers)

- What kind of books do you like to read?
- What kind of books did you read as a child?
- What's the last thing you read and enjoyed?
- Have you ever kept a diary?

Cities Questions (Long answers – speak for 2 to 3 minutes)

Buddy A should answer all the questions before Buddy B has their turn.

Try to use these words when you answer the questions:

Migrate cosmopolitan poverty cost of living atmosphere commute infrastructure amenities vibrant
litter road rage no-go areas crime stress related illnesses run-down

- Why do many people move to cities to live?

Speaking	Listening
Draw a mind map before you start speaking	Write your partner's main ideas.
	Ask if there was anything you didn't understand. Tell your partner (summarise) the points you heard.



- What problems are associated with big cities?

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- How have cities in your country changed over the past 20 years?

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- Do you think that the architecture of a city is important?

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- How could cities in your country be improved?

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- Think of a question about cities to ask your partner.
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Role Play

Buddy A: You think it is better to live in a city than in the countryside.

Buddy B: You think it is better to live in the countryside. Argue with Buddy A.

Reflection

Discuss how you thought your meeting went with your partner.

- Which questions did you find difficult?
- Did you manage to use all the vocabulary and speaking skills that you planned to use?
- What do you need to improve?

Arrange your next meeting.

