

Questions

- Where do you live?
- What are the streets like?
- What are the buildings like?
- What is the public transport like?
- What are the people like?
- What is there to see?
- What are major problems in your city?
- When is the rush hour?

Adjectives

- I live in Tehran.
- The streets are crowded / noisy / dirty / clean / wide / narrow...
- The buildings are tall / small / impressive / magnificent / old /...
- The public transport is convenient / efficient / cheap / expensive...
- The people here are aggressive / unfriendly / rude / impatient ...

1. When's the last time you were out of town? Where did you go?
2. Where is your hometown?
3. Where do you like to go if you hit the town?

- **chain stores**: well-known brands with shops in multiple cities
- **to close down**: to stop doing business
- **fashionable boutiques**: fashionable clothes shops
- **to get around**: to travel around
- **in the suburbs**: the outer area of large towns and cities where people live
- **lively bars/restaurants**: bars or restaurants with a good atmosphere
- **local facilities**: local buildings or services serving the public
- **pavement cafe**: cafes with tables outside on the pavement
- **poor housing**: housing that is not in good condition
- **public transport system**: public vehicles such as buses and trains that operate at regular times on fixed routes
- **residential area**: an area where people live
- **shopping center**: an area consisting of multiple shops
- **shopping malls**: large indoor shopping centers
- **tourist attraction**: a place of interest to tourists
- **upmarket shops**: expensive fashionable shops

Describe your city

My living city **is located** to the north of Iran. It is **a five-hour drive from** Tehran the capital. I live in a **residential area** near the **historic area** of the city. My workplace is out of town. I love living in this area because it is full **of job opportunities and health facilities**. Besides, we can enjoy numerous **educational and entertainment facilities** that exist in the city. The traffic situation in this city is terrible, since people drive carelessly. Rush hour is 7 AM and 2 PM when employees finish work and go back home.

Public transportation in my city includes taxi and bus only. They`re cheap but not standard. So I prefer to drive.

- ✓ My living city **is located in** the north of Iran.
- ✓ It`s **a five-hour drive from** Tehran.
- ✓ It`s about **10 hours on the train from** Mashhad.

Idioms

Hit town - to arrive in town;

Out of town - temporarily not in one's own town;

Out on the town - celebrating at one or more places in a town;

Paint the town - to go out and celebrate; to go on a drinking about; to get drunk;

Paint the town red - to go out and enjoy yourself in the evening, often drinking a lot of alcohol and dancing;

Talk of the town - a subject of considerable gossip;

The only game in town - the only choice, which one must accept for want of a better one;

Town and gown - the inhabitants of a college or university town and the students and personnel of the college.

Examples:

*The minute he **hit town**, he checked into a hotel and took a long nap.*

*I'll go out of town next week. I'm going to be at a conference. I take care of Mary's cat when she's **out of town**.*

*I'm really tired. I was out **on the town** until dawn. We went out on the town to celebrate our wedding anniversary.*

*Jack finished his exams today so he's gone out **to paint the town red**.*

Locations

There are many different places in a city. Here is a list of the most typical places:

airport - the place you go when you want to travel by plane to another city.

bakery - you can buy fresh bread and cakes here.

bank - you deposit or withdraw/take out your money here. You can cash a cheque.

bookstore - a place where you can buy books and magazines.

bus station - the place you go when you want to travel by bus to another city.

butcher's - they sell fresh meat.

café - you can buy a cup of coffee and cakes or sandwiches.

church - a religious place of worship.

court - the place where they have trials and law cases. A judge works here.

craft market - a place that sells typical products (normally hand-made) of a region/country.

department store - a large store that sells clothes, household appliances etc. in sections.

cinema/movies - you can see the latest movies here. Many people eat popcorn while they're here.

fire station - the building where firefighters keep their equipment including the fire engine.

gas / petrol station - the place you go to put petrol (gas) in your car.

gym - you can do exercises, weight training and keep fit here.

hairdresser's - you go here when you want to cut your hair.

hospital - you go here when you need an operation or someone is going to have a baby.

hotel - where you sleep when you visit another city.

gallery - you can see paintings and other works of art.

jail / prison - criminals are sent here by a judge for a number of days or years.

laundromat / launderette - a place where you can wash your clothes in coin-operated machines.

library - a place where you can read and borrow books.

museum - you can see many old objects (and sometimes paintings)

pharmacy/drugstore - you can buy medicine here.

police station - you are taken here when you break the law and are arrested

pub - a place where you can buy a beer or other types alcoholic drinks

park - An area of public land in a city that contains an area of grass where you can rest, play or walk your dog. Sometimes children can play on swings, a slide or a climbing frame here.

restaurant - you go here when you don't want to cook at home. They prepare meals for you.

school - a place where children learn. You normally start school at the age of 5.

square - an open area within a city in the shape of a square. It is usually the heart of the city.

supermarket - a large store that sells food, drinks and household items

zoo - a place where you can see many types of animals in cages.