**From Andrew Marr’s “*Megacities – Episode 3”*:**

**SUSTAINING THE CITY VOCABULARY LIST**

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| to sustain | (am Leben) erhalten, stärken, stützen to maintain, to keep alive, to keep going, to supply with necessities |  |  |
| Constantly on the edge | Ständing am Rande (des Zusammenbruchs) | humble | Modest  (bescheiden) |
| To sprout, to sprout up | Sprießen, aus dem Boden schießen | To sprawl | wuchern, sich unkontrolliert ausbreiten |
| squallow | filthy , chaotic | urban sprawling | Unkontrolliertes Wuchern, sich Ausbreiten der Städte |
| To dangle one’s feet in the water | Die Füße ins Wasser baumeln lassen=> by this it is meant that Megacities and megaregions sprouted up on coastlines and rivermouths | to decompose | To decay,to rot  (sich zersetzen) |
| Coastlines and rivermouths | Küstenabschnitte und Flussmündungen | To float | Auf der Wasseroberfläche schwimmen, schweben  (in contrast to „to swim“ which requires active physical movement of the swimmer) |
| A tempting alternative | Eine verlockende Alternative | guilty | (schuldig im moralischen oder rechtlichen Sinn) |
| To struggle to cope with sth | To have a hard time finding a solution to a problem  To make a great effort to solve a problem | Überlastet | congested  jammed |
| Das ist komisch | That’s **odd!** | Anstrengend, ermüdend | strenuous |
| Rund um den Globus | Across the clobe | Grenzen | boundaries |
| f**r**uchtbar | fertile | ersticken | To choke to death, to suffocate |
| congested, | jammed or even clogged up | the sewer system, | Das Kanalsystem  Abwassersystem |
| clogged up | blocked |  |  |
| to unclog, | To unblock, free, clear | metro,(3 synonyms) | tube (London), metro (Paris and Montreal), underground (UK), subway (USA) |
| crammed with people | overcrowded | groceries, | Food and necessities you buy in a store |
| the squeeze, | Eingequetschtsein | best by date | See above |
| To squeeze | Einzwicken, einquetschen, zusammenpressen | To queue | Sich anstellen |
| to choke to death | To suffocate | to starve | To suffer **from** hunger OR: to die **of** hunger |
| arteries and veins | Blood vesselsHere: The transport network and also the sewer system | a cab | A taxi |
| sewage | Abwässer | A cabbie | A taxi driver |

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| to loathe | To hate or despise (hassen oder verachten) |
| vulnerable | Easily hurt (verletzlich) |
| to be crammed with | vollgestopft sein mit ...  to be jammed with, (about people:) overcrowded |
| To be clogged up | verstopft sein  ATTENTION: Clogged up *is more dramatic than* crammed.  *If the London underground is crammed with people, that is a common state (Zustand) during the rush hour.*  *However, if the tube is clogged up, there is a serious problem: e.g. trains are stuck, or people cannot get out anymore. You wouldn’t want to be there!*  *Likewise, your brain should be crammed with English vocabulary, but not clogged up!* |
| to malfunction | Not to work properly |
| livestock | Vieh, Nutztiere: cattle (=Rinder), sheep, chicken, etc. |
| gone off | decayed, rotten (verdorben!!)  Food which is gone off **is no longer** eatable /edible |
| best by date  food past its best by date | MIndesthaltbarkeitsdatum  Food which is past its best by date **is still** eatable /edible, but it is no longer as fresh as it used to be.  Freegans and campaings like “waste cooking” try to prevent companies and citizens from wasting food which is past its best by date |