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| **word** | **Definition** | **important** | **Sample Sentence** |
| spacious | Taking a lot of space | \* | Spacious room or house |
| Varied landscapes |  |  |  |
| Dense forest |  | \* |  |
| meadow | a piece of grassland, especially one used for **hay** |  | A mesmerizing green view of a meadow |
| clear, bubbling mountain stream |  |  |  |
| Mountain face | Side of a mountain |  |  |
| Hiking trail |  | \*\* |  |
| Gentle, rolling hill |  |  |  |
| Wildlife preserve | special area where animals are protected | \*\* |  |
| Winding footpath | a road you can walk on, that has many turns and changes of direction | \* |  |
| Multiple-family housing |  | \*\* |  |
| Towering skyscraper | Very tall skyscraper | \*\*\* |  |
| Open-air market |  | \*\*\* | I bought groceries from an open-air market in the  Main square |
| Cultural diversity |  | \*\*\* |  |
| pulsating | characterized by a strong regular rhythm; throbbing; very exciting | \* | Pulsating **nightlife** of the L.A. |
| Street crime |  | \*\* |  |
| Inner-city area |  |  |  |
| Trendy cafe |  | \*\*\* |  |
| Main square |  |  |  |
| Street vendor |  | \*\* |  |
| cuisine | Methods of cooking | \*\*\* | Local cuisine |
| Noise pollution |  | \*\*\* |  |
| Gourmet restaurant |  |  |  |
| Quaint shops | charming and old-fashioned shops |  |  |
| Cobble stone (or just cobble) | Stone used to cover road surfaces |  |  |
| Traffic jams |  | \*\*\* |  |
| bustling | Busy and filled with people | \* | Bustling streets |
| outskirt | The outer edge | \*\* | The outskirts of the city/ mountain |
| Industrial zone |  |  | Air pollution is more noticeable in the industrial zone  of the city |
| High-rise building | Tower or skyscraper |  |  |
| coastal | Near coast | \*\*\* | Coastal area/ coastal city |
| Urban sprawl | The untidy shape of cities | \*\*\* |  |
| maelstrom | a situation or state of confused movement or violent **turmoil** | \*\*\* | The train station was a maelstrom of crowds |
| metropolis | Capital or chief city of a country |  |  |
| suburbanization |  |  |  |
| Remodel/ renovate |  |  |  |
| pavement | sidewalk | \*\* | No car is allowed to enter the pavement |
| Ban or regulate | Putting restrictive laws on sth | \* |  |
| Traffic lanes |  |  |  |
| Government-backed program |  | \* |  |
| Illuminated advertising | Advertisements full of bright lights | \* |  |
| Short-term rental |  | \*\* |  |
| Studio apartment | *an apartment with only one big room* |  |  |
| Five-story building |  | \*\* |  |
| cramped | Small and uncomfortable | \*\*\* | Cramped bedroom |
| shortage of affordable housing |  | \*\*\* |  |
| Upscale neighborhood | relatively expensive and designed to appeal to **affluent** consumers; upmarket. | \*\*\* |  |
| Take out a mortgage | Obtain a mortgage | \*\* |  |
| Down payment | The initial payment on a big purchase | \*\* | Her father made the down payment on the apartment |
| overlook |  | \* | The building overlooks the sea |
| Urban/ rural life |  |  |  |
| infrastructure |  | \* |  |
| High-capacity public transport |  |  |  |
| congestion | crowding | \*\*\* | the new bridge should **ease congestion** in the area |
| conurbation | an extended urban area, typically consisting of several towns merging with the suburbs of a central city. |  |  |
| Transport hub |  | \*\*\* | You can catch the bus at the transport hub at any time |
| facility | a place, amenity, or piece of equipment provided for a particular purpose;  a natural ability to do or learn something well and easily | \* | He had a facility for languages;  cooking facilities |
| Private transport |  | \*\*\* |  |
| bottleneck |  |  |  |
| hinterland | the remote areas of a country away from the coast or the banks of major rivers | \* |  |
| settle |  | \* |  |
| Road and rail facilities | Means of transport |  |  |
| amenities | a desirable or useful feature or facility of a building or place. | \*\*\* | Many people migrate from rural areas to cities  due to urban amenities |
| Urban sprawl | expansion of poorly planned, low-density, auto-dependent development, which spreads out over large amounts of land, putting long distances between homes, stores, and work and creating a high segregation between residential and commercial | \*\* | the growth of urban sprawl |
| Public-private partnership | Cooperative arrangement between two or more public and private sectors |  |  |
| Civic pride | Pride of living in a city |  |  |
| Tax incentives | A tax incentive is an aspect of a country's tax code designed to incentivize or encourage a particular economic activity by reducing **tax** payments for a company in the said country | \*\*\* |  |
| Home working |  |  |  |
| commute | Traveling a distance to work regularly | \*\*\* | he has to commute a long distance on a daily basis |
| suburb | An outlying district of a city especially a residential one |  | Suburbs of Shiraz |
| Inner city |  |  |  |
| Communal | shared by all members of a community; for common use | \* | Communal carpooling |
| outdated |  |  |  |
| Transport frustration |  | \*\*\* |  |
| overcrowding |  |  |  |
| Private vehicles | Ex: cars, bikes, motorcycles, etc. |  |  |
| Road space |  |  |  |
| Long/ lengthy journey times |  |  |  |
| Petty crime |  |  |  |
| Transport delay |  | \* |  |