

CITY LIFE

Exercise 1. Complete the sentences with the words in the box. Use a dictionary if necessary.

express	handy	inner-city	overcrowded
remote	secure	well-connected	winding

- The children didn't like the house because it was so _____. They didn't have any neighbours at all.
- The local shop was very _____ because it was only a short walk away.
- We go to school on the _____ bus. It only takes twenty minutes.
- _____ schools don't have enough space for sport activities because there isn't any spare land.
- She was cycling down a _____ street and didn't see the car coming around the bend.
- The bus was _____ and the driver had to ask some people to get off.
- The new flats are very _____. You can only enter the building using a code.
- With buses every ten minutes and a train station nearby, the village is small but _____.

Exercise 2: Choose the correct adjectives to complete the sentences.

built- construction- housing- industrial- inner- never- roof- run- sky- water

Taking a 'dérive'

Frustrated by walking the same (1) _____-city streets every day, 1940s Parisian artists took unplanned routes named 'dérive'. Last week my friend and I used an app to try it ourselves. Our normal route home from school takes us through a (2) _____ estate with blocks of flats but the app's route took us through a neighbouring (3) _____ estate. The factories there are quite (4) _____ down but looking at the (5) _____ tops, I noticed a beautiful old chimney worthy of a photo. I uploaded it and immediately got some likes. In contrast, nearby was a (6) _____ site where a new glass fronted office block was going up. Next, the app guided us along the (7) _____ front. I'd been there many times but never

looked at it closely. I took photos of the pretty (8) _____ line across the river.
 The dérive has made me appreciate this (9) _____ -up area of the city more. In
 fact, I might even stop complaining about the (10) _____ -ending walk to
 school.

ANSWER KEY

Exercise 1.

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| 1. remote | 2. handy | 3. express |
| 4. inner-city | 5. winding | 6. overcrowded |
| 7. secure | 8. well-connected | |

Exercise 2.

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| 1. inner | 2. housing | 3. industrial | |
| 4. run | 5. roof | 6. construction | |
| 7. water | 8. Sky | 9. built | 10. never |