

Unit 2 – Are you a big-city person?

What is a megacity?

to be the capital city of ... (name of federal state / country)	Vienna is the capital city of Austria.	die Hauptstadt von ... (Name des Bundes/Landes) sein
to have about ... inhabitants	Taipei City has about 9 million inhabitants.	etwa ... Einwohner/innen haben
to have a population of ... (number)	The American state of Michigan has a population of 10 million people.	eine Einwohner/innenzahl von ... haben
to experience new cultures	Many people travel to large cities to experience new cultures.	neue Kulturen erleben
to meet people from all over the world	Larger cities are a great way to meet people from all over the world.	Menschen aus der ganzen Welt treffen
to try different foods	It is important to try different foods if you travel abroad.	verschiedene Speisen / Gerichte probieren
to learn about traditions and festivities	Learning about traditions and festivities when studying abroad is a part of the experience.	über Traditionen und Feste lernen
to visit interesting sights	Jim loves to walk around a new city and visit interesting sights recommended by guidebooks.	interessante Sehenswürdigkeiten besuchen
the city never sleeps	Many who visit New York believe that the city never sleeps.	die Stadt schläft nie
there are many entertainment options (e.g. cinema, theatre, museum, etc.)	Living in the centre of a city is great for young people because there are many entertainment options all over.	es gibt viele Unterhaltungsmöglichkeiten (z. B. Kino, Theater, Museum, etc.)
to have a good transportation system	It is important to Steve that any city he visits has a good transportation system.	ein gutes Verkehrssystem haben
to be a green city / a tourist-friendly city	Our town wants to be a green city in the near future by planting more trees. / Prague is a tourist-friendly city that makes people feel safe when they visit.	eine grüne / umweltfreundliche Stadt / eine touristenfreundliche / touristinnenfreundliche Stadt sein

Talking about the 15-minute city

to afford the rent	If people cannot afford the rent in a neighbourhood, it is often only populated by very rich people.	sich die Miete leisten können
to rethink a new vision of a city	City planners often want to rethink a new version of a city to make it more liveable.	eine neue Vision einer Stadt durchdenken
to travel in from the suburbs	Workers often travel in from the suburbs to their jobs in the city centre.	aus den Vororten in die Stadt pendeln
to meet someone's basic needs within a short walk / cycle ride	The goal of the 15-minute city is to meet someone's basic needs within a short walk or cycle ride.	die Grundbedürfnisse von jemandem in kurzer Gehzeit / Fahrradentfernung decken
to create a lot of opportunities	A big city can create a lot of opportunities for jobs and education.	viele Möglichkeiten schaffen
to reduce air pollution / transport emissions	When cities reduce air pollution, rates of asthma begin to go down. / The city wants to reduce transport emissions to have cleaner air.	Luftverschmutzung / Verkehrsemissionen reduzieren
to ghettoise poorer people	Building expensive houses in the city can ghettoise poorer people by forcing them to live in certain areas.	ärmere Menschen in Ghettos abdrängen
to promote interaction between residents	Community organisers wanted to promote interaction between residents and create a closer community.	den Austausch zwischen Bewohnern/Bewohnerinnen fördern

to not have enough infrastructure	Some cities that experience a large growth in population simply do not have enough infrastructure for the increased number of people.	nicht genügend Infrastruktur haben
improve the quality of life / the air quality	The Danish government improved the quality of life in Copenhagen and people were much happier living there. / City planners should plant more trees to improve the air quality in megacities.	die Lebensqualität / die Luftqualität verbessern
to boost the local economy (e.g. shops, restaurants, etc.)	Many politicians want to boost the local economy by opening more small businesses.	die lokale Wirtschaft ankurbeln (z. B. Geschäfte, Restaurants, etc.)
to create public spaces / parks	Creating public spaces / parks are a great way to encourage young families to move to the city.	öffentliche/n Raum / Parks schaffen
to have easy access to hospitals, schools, etc.	Young families also look for easy access to schools when they are looking for a new house.	einfachen Zugang zu Krankenhäusern, Schulen, etc. haben
to reduce the hours lost by commuting	The CEO decided to reduce the hours lost by commuting by allowing more days of home office.	die durch das Pendeln verlorene Zeit reduzieren
London – a sustainable megacity?		
to become a sustainable city / car-free city	Becoming a sustainable / car-free city would be great for the environment but not very realistic for many cities.	eine nachhaltige Stadt / autofreie Stadt werden
to make streets easier to access	Many city planners want to make streets easier to access to help the flow of traffic.	Straßen zugänglicher machen
to encourage young people to walk	Lisa wants to encourage young people to walk by designing paths around the city.	junge Menschen dazu ermutigen, zu Fuß zu gehen
to improve someone's overall health / someone's well-being	In order to improve someone's overall health, both air and water need to be clean.	die allgemeine Gesundheit / das Wohlbefinden verbessern
decision-makers should include young people's views in city planning	Decision-makers should include young people's views in city planning or fewer people will want to live there.	Entscheidungsträger/innen sollten die Meinungen junger Menschen in die Stadtplanung einbeziehen
to end air pollution	Ending air pollution in a big city is unthinkable for many people.	die Luftverschmutzung beenden
to build a greener city	Erin wants to build a greener city by selling more electric cars.	eine grünere / umweltfreundlichere Stadt bauen
to get involved in policy creation	Keegan decided to get involved in policy creation so he could make a difference in his community.	sich an der Politikgestaltung beteiligen
to engage in direct action	If more people engaged in direct action, so much more could be accomplished.	sich an einer Protestkundgebung beteiligen
to contact local elected politicians	It is important to contact local elected politicians if you want to bring about change in your neighbourhood.	lokal gewählte Politiker/innen kontaktieren
to save money	Creating greener cities would actually save money.	Geld sparen
to avoid car accidents	There are lots of visible road signs so that drivers can avoid car accidents.	Autounfälle vermeiden
to reduce air pollution / noise pollution / traffic jams	Reducing air pollution / noise pollution / traffic jams would improve the quality of life in my hometown.	Luftverschmutzung / Lärmbelästigung / Staus reduzieren
to create green space	Sofie wants to create green space in her city so her dog Nala can go on long walks.	Grünflächen schaffen

to make youth voices heard	Politicians often promise to make youth voices heard.	die Stimmen der Jugend hörbar machen
to boost one's self-confidence	Being able to easily travel around a city is a great way to boost one's self-confidence.	das Selbstvertrauen stärken
to reflect the needs of a community	Laws should be created to reflect the needs of a community, not just a few powerful people.	die Bedürfnisse einer Gemeinschaft widerspiegeln
to learn about policy making	The university student learned about policy making because she wanted to help her community.	etwas über die Politikgestaltung lernen
to make someone (more) aware of current issues	Ioanna's goal was to make the principal more aware of current issues facing her hometown in Greece.	jemanden auf aktuelle Probleme aufmerksam(er) machen
to bring the community together	A local event can bring the community together and help people make new friends.	die Gemeinschaft zusammenbringen
to preserve traditions / history	Even in megacities it is important to preserve traditions / history so that we can remember our past.	Traditionen / Geschichte bewahren

Big city life or countryside?

Advantages of living in the city

there are many entertainment options (<i>e.g. museum, theatre, cinema, gym, etc.</i>)	One main benefit of living in a big city is that there are many entertainment options.	es gibt viele Unterhaltungsmöglichkeiten (<i>z. B. Museum, Theater, Kino, Fitnessstudio, etc.</i>)
there are more shops and restaurants	In my hometown, there are more shops and restaurants the closer you get to the centre.	es gibt mehr Geschäfte und Restaurants
medical care is better	Medical care is better in the city than in the country.	die medizinische Versorgung ist besser
the infrastructure is usually better (<i>e.g. cycle lanes, pedestrian crossings, street lamps, etc.</i>)	The infrastructure is usually better in cities, which allows for more movement for people living there.	die Infrastruktur ist normalerweise besser (<i>z. B. Fahrradwege, Zebrastreifen, Straßenlaternen, etc.</i>)
there are more public transport options to get around	In Prague, there are more public transport options to get around than in Brno.	es gibt mehr Auswahl an öffentlichen Verkehrsmitteln, um herumzukommen
it is easier to find a job	It is easier to find a job in Linz than Graz.	es ist einfacher, einen Job zu finden
it is easier to meet people from different cultural backgrounds	It is easier to meet people from different cultural backgrounds in a big capital city like Berlin.	es ist einfacher Menschen mit verschiedener kultureller Herkunft zu treffen

Advantages of living in the countryside

there is less noise and air pollution	You should move to the countryside because there is less noise and air pollution than in the city.	es gibt weniger Lärmverschmutzung und Luftverschmutzung
it is quiet and peaceful there	I prefer the countryside because it's quiet and peaceful there.	es ist dort ruhig und friedlich
there is more space to live	Karin grew up on a farm and misses it because there is more space to live out there.	es gibt mehr Platz zum Leben
the cost of living are lower	The cost of living are lower the further away you get from the big city.	die Lebenshaltungskosten sind niedriger
there is a lot of green space	There is a lot of green space right outside of Vienna.	es gibt viel Grünfläche
there is usually a strong	In most villages there is usually a strong	es gibt normalerweise ein starkes

sense of community	sense of community because more people tend to know each other.	Gemeinschaftsgefühl
there is less traffic	There is less traffic in the countryside because there are fewer people.	es gibt weniger Verkehr
the crime rate is lower	Emmalee likes living away from New Jersey because the crime rate is lower.	die Kriminalitätsrate ist niedriger