



05 - VOCABULARY: CITY



- 1 - When my parents retired last year, they traded the **towering skyscrapers** and **noise pollution** of Los Angeles for the peace and quiet of a small **coastal city** in southern France.
- 2 - They said they were tired of living in a **high-rise building** right next to an **industrial zone**. Now they live in a **cozy little house** on the **outskirts of the city**.
- 3 - Life in their new town is quite different from the **hectic pace** of L.A., where the **bustling streets** are **strewn with litter** and you can count on spending hours in **traffic jams**.
- 4 - Instead, the **narrow cobblestone streets** of the city center are lined with **eighteenth-century buildings** that are now home to **quaint shops** and **gourmet restaurants** specializing in the **local cuisine**.
- 5 - The best day to visit is Saturday, when there's an **open-air market** in the **main square**. You can buy souvenirs from the **street vendors** and have lunch at one of the **trendy cafés** in the area.
- 6 - There's virtually no **street crime** here, in contrast to the **inner-city areas** (*older, central, crowded part of a city, usually filled with poor people and possibly violence*) of L.A.
- 7 - (For example, Police **are on the lookout for** two men who held up a shop in Grange Street. But a Police spokesperson said "we will **crack down on** anyone committing a crime").
- 8 - Is there anything that my parents miss about Los Angeles? Well, they do miss the **cultural diversity**. But they're past the age where being in a place with a **pulsating nightlife** is important to them.