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Source 1

An increasing number of people are migrating from rural areas to cities. By 2050, it is estimated that there will be 9.7 billion people in the world and about two-thirds of them will live in cities.

A city with a population of over 10 million is called a megacity. In 2020, there were 34 megacities in the world. These include Beijing, Lagos, Delhi, Mexico City, Paris and Tokyo. The United Nations (UN) predicts that by 2030 there will be 43 megacities.

Source 2: Living in cities



Benefits	Problems
Better healthcare	More crime
More educational opportunities	Larger gap between rich and poor
Better employment opportunities	More air and noise pollution
Greater diversity	Overcrowding
Better public transport	Higher demand on health and education services
More leisure and cultural activities	Higher living costs

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Source 3: The growth of cities is damaging the environment

Look at this photograph showing poor-quality, unsafe housing on the outskirts of a city. Many people live in places like this when they move to big cities because good housing is too expensive.



I have been in charge of a local environmental department for 10 years. The interviews I have given on television and in magazines highlight my concerns about the damage to the environment around cities.

The increasing number of people in cities leads to overcrowding, putting pressure on jobs and infrastructure. This affects the local environment and uses fossil fuels. Can you imagine the effects on your family if you live nearby?

Dr Perez, a famous scientist, says that cities are major contributors to climate change. In an interview he said that cities consume 78 per cent of the world's energy and produce over 60 per cent of greenhouse gas emissions. Traffic congestion in cities causes air pollution which creates health problems for people living there. Most people believe that cities have become more polluted.

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Source 4: A television debate about moving to a city

Elena

Unfortunately, some cities have problems and people who move there do not always have a better quality of life. I know this because my friend moved to our nearest city two months ago. What a mistake!

He thought it would be easy to find work but it was very difficult because so many people were trying to get a job. The city was also very frightening as there were so many cars and people on the streets. He saw a lot of crime and felt very unsafe when visiting a busy market or shop.

There were many homeless people. The ones who were lucky enough to have somewhere to live would be living in cheap flats or slums.

He returned to live in our village last month and he is much happier now. Research by the United Nations confirms my views about migrating to live in a city.

Juan

It is a pity that your friend did not stay longer. There are more growing businesses in a city and new jobs are available all the time. Yes, it is busy but public transport and cars are needed for travelling around the city.

My grandparents own a large business in the city. They are very happy and enjoy the leisure and cultural opportunities in the city like restaurants and museums. They have a top-floor apartment with a wonderful view. I have visited them a few times and they said I could work in the business when I am older. They are hoping that more of our family will move there.

They have not complained about the number of people on the streets. Surely your friend would have adapted to city life eventually. I am very excited about moving there and then I will be able to buy a house and a car.

I can live with my grandparents until I have enough money for my own house.

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