

**More and more people are migrating to cities in search of a better life, but city life can be extremely difficult.**

**Explain some of the difficulties of living in a city. How can governments make urban life better for everyone?**

### Your answer

**Nowadays**, a higher number of people are moving to urban areas to improve their quality of life, whereas living in the city can bring some challenges. Living in cities **could mean** expecting some issues such as lack of green spaces **due to** the increasing number of buildings. **In this essay I will explain** some problems of living in the city and suggest some solutions to prevent it.

**It is known that** migrating to cities, individuals **should be prepared** for the high cost of living **due to** the excessive price of rents. **Consequently**, many of them need to have two jobs to be able to pay bills, leading a less time with family. Another problem is the traffic jam resulting in the rising number of vehicles. **Therefore**, the figures of pollution are alarming due to the consequences for residents' health. **Furthermore**, all the existing buildings are residential homes and businesses, creating overcrowding. There is a lack of public services, **for instance**, schools and hospitals.

**However**, some solutions **could be implemented** by government to **alleviate these problems**. **Firstly**, government should **invest in affordable houses** in the suburb and also, subsidize people who decided to share flats. **Secondly**, workers should be incentivated to share car journeys and free bicycles **should be provided**. **Lastly**, public buildings **must be built** to respond to the needs of the higher number of city residents.

**In conclusion**, I think that the tendency is to have more people migrating to cities to have a better opportunity of life. The lack of jobs and affordable places to live are some of the city's problems. **For these reasons**, governments must start now to **tackle these issues** to avoid that they continue to deteriorate.

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<b>Coherence and Cohesion</b>	how well the information and ideas are organised			✓	
	how well the information is linked		✓	✓	
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	vocabulary is for the task			✓	
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	how appropriate the structures are for the task			✓	

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