

PREPARE FOR IELTS. MY HOMETOWN. TRANSCRIPT

I come from Manchester. It is located in the northwest of England.

What is it famous for? Well it is renowned for its football clubs, (Manchester) United and city and loads of people live in Manchester, it's a densely populated place. Most of the residents live in residential areas on the outskirts of the city rather than in the whole of the city itself and there are a number of famous landmarks such as Old Trafford Football stadium, the Etihad. I'm really into football so that's focusing on these.

I'd highly recommend visiting the Science Museum, it's a great interactive museum it's great if you've got young kids. The local facilities in my area are pretty good, such as the Children's Hospital, which has just been built. The transport network is modern, reliable and surprisingly punctual. I say that because in the UK, our trains and our buses are often late.

In terms of the architecture, well the architecture it's a mix of contemporary and traditional. There are some old buildings, but there's quite a lot of development happening in Manchester so there are a lot of new contemporary buildings, but like all cities, there's traffic congestion at peak times and, unfortunately, peak times now seems to be from 8:00 in the morning till 10 o'clock at night.

The thing I like most is it's a shopper's paradise. There is a great shopping center called a Trafford Centre on the outskirts of the city. The thing I like the least is that because of all the development in recent years it has become a concrete jungle, sadly, but it's a great place to live and I love it.

VOCABULARY

architecture (noun) - the art and study of designing buildings

concrete jungle (noun) - a way of describing a city or an area that is unpleasant because it has many large modern buildings and few trees or parks

congestion (noun) - the state of being crowded and full of traffic

contemporary (adjective) - belonging to the same time

densely (adverb) - in a way that contains a lot of people, things, plants, etc. with little space between them

landmarks (noun) - something, such as a large building, that you can see clearly from a distance and that will help you to know where you are

outskirts (noun) - the parts of a town or city that are furthest from the centre

peak (noun) - the point when somebody/something is best, most successful, strongest,

punctual (adjective) - happening or doing something at the arranged or correct time; not late

residential (adjective) - (of an area of a town) suitable for living in; consisting of houses rather than factories or offices

residents (noun) - a person who lives in a particular place or who has their home there

shopper's paradise (phrase) - a place that has everything you need for shopping