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Level 4 – 1st July 2024

Vienna tops the 2024 Global Liveability Index

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240701-global-liveability-index-4.html>

The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) named Vienna as the world's most liveable city for the third year in a row. The EIU's Global Liveability Index ranks 173 cities worldwide on factors like culture, environment, healthcare, infrastructure, and stability. Vienna got "perfect" scores in four out of five categories. It did not get maximum points for culture, owing to few big sporting events". Vienna's residents are lucky to have great architecture.

The average global liveability score rose "fractionally over the past year". However, "risks to stability remain". Global tensions could see numbers in the Index fall. The EIU said: "There have been more instances of civil unrest...around the world...that are unlikely to ease in the near future." The stability category saw the biggest fall this year. This is because of geopolitical conflict, ongoing housing crises and rising crime.

Sources: <https://www.eiu.com/n/vienna-secures-its-position-as-the-worlds-most-liveable-city-for-third-consecutive-year/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. for the third year | a. events |
| 2. factors | b. of five categories |
| 3. healthcare, infrastructure, | c. architecture |
| 4. perfect scores in four out | d. like culture |
| 5. get maximum points | e. and stability |
| 6. few big sporting | f. are lucky |
| 7. Vienna's residents | g. in a row |
| 8. great | h. for culture |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The average global | a. remain |
| 2. rose | b. tensions |
| 3. risks to stability | c. crime |
| 4. Global | d. the near future |
| 5. more instances of civil | e. crises |
| 6. unlikely to ease in | f. liveability score |
| 7. rising | g. unrest |
| 8. ongoing housing | h. fractionally |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ most liveable city for the third year

(2) _____. The EIU's Global Liveability Index ranks 173

cities worldwide on (3) _____, environment, healthcare,

infrastructure, and stability. Vienna got "perfect" scores

(4) _____ of five categories. It did not get maximum

points for culture, (5) _____ big sporting events".

Vienna's residents are lucky to (6) _____.

The average global liveability score (7) _____ the past

year". However, "risks (8) _____". Global tensions

could see numbers in the Index fall. The EIU said: "There have been more

(9) _____ unrest...around the world...that are unlikely to

ease in the near future." The (10) _____ the biggest

(11) _____. This is because of geopolitical conflict,

ongoing housing (12) _____ crime.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CITIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about cities in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____

