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Level 5 – 1st July 2024

Vienna tops the 2024 Global Liveability Index

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240701-global-liveability-index-5.html>

The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) has named Vienna as the world's most liveable city for the third year running. The EIU released its annual Global Liveability Index earlier this week. This ranks 173 cities worldwide on factors that affect quality of life. These include culture, environment, healthcare, infrastructure, and stability. Vienna got "perfect" scores in all but one of the categories. It failed to get maximum points for culture, "owing to a lack of major sporting events". Vienna's residents are blessed with great architecture and a rich musical legacy.

The EIU said the average global liveability score rose "fractionally over the past year". However, it said "risks to stability remain". Tensions around the world could see numbers in the Index fall. The EIU said: "Since we conducted our survey, there have been more instances of civil unrest...around the world...that are unlikely to ease in the near future." The CNBC website said: "The stability category recorded the biggest decline out of all five categories this year, held back by geopolitical conflict, civil unrest, as well as the ongoing housing crisis and 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. one of the categories |
| 2. This ranks | b. with great architecture |
| 3. factors that affect quality | c. 173 cities worldwide |
| 4. perfect scores in all but | d. legacy |
| 5. It failed to get maximum points | e. of life |
| 6. owing to a lack of major | f. running |
| 7. residents are blessed | g. for culture |
| 8. a rich musical | h. sporting events |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. rose | a. unrest |
| 2. risks to stability | b. in the near future |
| 3. Since we conducted | c. categories this year |
| 4. unlikely to ease | d. crisis |
| 5. all five | e. fractionally |
| 6. held back by | f. our survey |
| 7. civil | g. geopolitical conflict |
| 8. the ongoing housing | h. remain |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The EIU said (7) _____ liveability score rose "fractionally over the past year". However, it said "(8) _____ remain". Tensions around the world could see numbers in the Index fall. The EIU said: "Since we conducted our survey, there have been (9) _____ civil unrest...around the world...that are (10) _____ in the near future." The CNBC website said: "The stability category recorded the biggest decline out of all five categories this year, held back (11) _____, civil unrest, as well as the ongoing housing (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CITIES SURVEY

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

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) _____

