Detroit: then and now

Extra Activities

Keywords:
broad (adj) very wide
call (n) a request to come to help someone made using a telephone
fall (n) an instance of something becoming smaller in size or amount
grant (n) money given to a person or organisation to help them achieve a goal
industry (n) a business that is involved in producing goods
nature (n) all the natural things in the world, like plants and animals
shocking (adj) extremely bad and upsetting
smart (adj) fashionable and well presented
square mile (n) an area of land that measure one mile on all four sides
strange (adj) unusual or unexpected

Vocabulary practice

1 Look at how the adjectives in the keywords box are used in the article. Then complete the sentences. Use each adjective twice.

1 ‘You look very ________ today.’ ‘Thanks. I got a job interview.’
2 I had a ________ dream about living on Mars last night.
3 London’s Bond Street is a very ________ Street, with expensive shops and lovely buildings.
4 The architects Zaha Hadid designed ________ buildings with very unusual shapes.
5 The children had ________ behaviour. They were really naughty.
6 The man was very tall and had very ________ shoulders.
7 The news about the earthquake was ________.
8 We live on a ________ street with lots of space to park.
Find these words in the article. Then match them with their meanings.

1. suburbs
2. poverty
3. global
4. crisis
5. investors

a. an area where people live on the edge of the city
b. an extremely difficult or dangerous situation
c. people who put money into a business to make a profit
d. the condition of being extremely poor
e. worldwide

Grammar practice

Find these expressions in the article. Then insert than in the correct place in the sentences, 1–8, if it is necessary.

less than five decades
more than half its population

1. We’ve lived here for less a year.
2. I earn less money in my new job, but I’m happier.
3. I eat a lot more vegetarian food before.
4. Since I moved to the country, I go to the cinema are less often.
5. I watch English films more I used to.
6. Detroit is less violent 20 years ago.
7. Learning chess is more difficult I thought.
8. The town centre is much more attractive without cars.