

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.

2 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

3 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.