

Cities of Great Britain

Task 1. Read the text. Put 5 questions to the text.

Great Britain has a population of about 57 million. About nine tenths of the people live in cities and towns. About 40 per cent of the urban residents live in England's seven metropolitan areas. Greater London, the largest metropolitan area, has about 7 million people, which is over 10 per cent of Great Britain's total population. The six other metropolitan areas are: Manchester is the largest city of the area, Liverpool, Sheffield, Tyne and Sunderland, Birmingham, and Leeds.

Task 2. Read the text and fill in the gaps

Manchester is 1) o_____ of Great Britain's chief centers of trade and finance. Its port handles about 14 million short tons (13 million metric tons) of cargo annually. The city has many banks and insurance companies and a stock 2)e_____. Manchester and its surrounding communities also 3)r_____ as one of Britain's leading manufacturing areas. Products include chemicals, clothing and textiles, computers, electronic equipment, industrial machinery and machine tools, paper, precision instruments, and processed food. The downtown 4)a_____ of Manchester has many buildings that 5)d_____ from the 1800's, when the city became a major industrial and trade center. A number of the buildings were constructed to 6)s_____ the needs of industry and trade but are now used for other purposes. The Royal Exchange, for example, formerly a trading center for Britain's cotton industry, is now a theatre. The Free Trade Hall was once a center for free trade and radical political movements. Today, the world's famous Hall Orchestra performs there. Manchester's magnificent Town Hall also dates from the 1800's. All these buildings are architectural 7)_____ and reminders of Manchester's former great wealth. Manchester Cathedral, built in the 1400's, is another famous landmark. The city has an international 8)a_____. It is also a center of railroad transportation.

Task 3. Complete the information about Liverpool.

unemployment;
activities;

paintings;
landmarks;

city;
flour;
economic;
automobile;

sugar;
world War II;

sculpture;
soccer;
commercial;
trade;
twin;
districts.

Liverpool is a large _____ and manufacturing city. The commercial center of Liverpool is one of the largest shopping _____ in Great Britain. It borders the river and has several buildings that are _____ of the city. They include the Royal Liver Building, which has _____ towers. Each tower is topped by a _____ of the “liver bird”, a mythical creature after which the city is said to have been named. Liverpool has a wide variety of cultural _____ and sports events. The city’s Walker Art Gallery owns one of the nation’s finest collections of _____ outside London. Liverpool has an orchestra, several theatres, and two professional _____ teams. Liverpool was founded in 1207 and began to flourish as a _____ center in the 1700’s. At the same time, it became an important port _____. Shipping remains as important _____ activity in the Liverpool area today. Major industrial facilities of the city include _____ mills, _____ refineries and an _____ manufacturing plant. During _____, German bombers heavily damaged the city and its docks. Since the war, the decline of the port, plus other factors, have contributed to a high rate of _____ in the city.

Task 4. Find 10 mistakes in the text.

The important manufacturing city, Sheffield has long being a center for the production of highgrade steel, silver plate, and metal products. It’s cutting tools and “cutlery” — silver ware, teapots, and other table utensils — is internationally famous. An AngloSaxon agricultural settlement probably stood on the site of what is now Sheffield as early as the A.D. 1000’s. Sheffield grow rapidly during the Industrial Revolution of the 1700’s and 1800’s, when it has became Englands main center for steel production. Today, Sheffield have attractive public housing, modern comercial and industrial areas, and pleasant parks and other landscape sites.

Task 5. Watch the video about the city of Bath and say why the city has got such name.

