







# MUSIC EXPRESS

## BUSY CITY

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# OVERVIEW INTRODUCTION



Display the image above. Children who live in a city will be used to its relentless, busy pace, but those living in more rural settings may not have experienced the sounds and sights of a city coming to life at night, with its noise, bustle, and dazzling lights.

Talk with children about what they like and don't like about where they live, discussing the different experiences of living in a city compared to living in a small rural community.

## Books

- *Busy London* by Marion Billet
- *Maisy goes to the city* by Lucy Cousins
- *How cities work* by James Gulliver Hancock

## Well-known songs and chants

- *The wheels on the bus*
- *Down at the station*
- *Pussy cat, pussy cat*
- *London Bridge is falling down*

## Vocabulary

City, town, village, countryside, rural, urban, congested, busy, noisy, loud, quiet, hectic, slow, streets, lanes, transport, bus, tube, tram, bike.



# HOME LEARNING



Look at the map of London. Do you recognise any of these well-known places?

Talk with your family and ask if anyone has visited this city and seen these famous landmarks.



# SONG

## Living in the city

Melody: *This old man*

Melody traditional;  
words Sue Nicholls

C Dm G<sup>7</sup>

Peo - ple walk Down the street, Stop and chat with Friends they meet, "Tell me

C G<sup>7</sup> C

how's your gran - ny? Say I said 'Hel - lo!" Ci - ty neigh-bours On the go!

(Count-in: one, two, off we go now...)

People walk  
Down the street,  
Stop and chat with  
Friends they meet,  
"Tell me how's your granny?  
Say I said 'Hello!"  
City neighbours  
On the go!



# RAP

## Crazy city

Crazy old city,  
Busy old place.  
Noises all around us,  
People in your face!  
Cars whizzing everywhere  
Driving really fast,  
Buses pulling in and out,  
Bikes racing past!

Crazy old city,  
Busy old place.  
Noises all around us,  
People in your face!  
Children going off to school,  
Grown-ups rushing round,  
Trains rumble on their tracks  
To another town!

**Sue Nicholls**



# IMAGES

## Busy city image





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## City life photos





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## City life photos

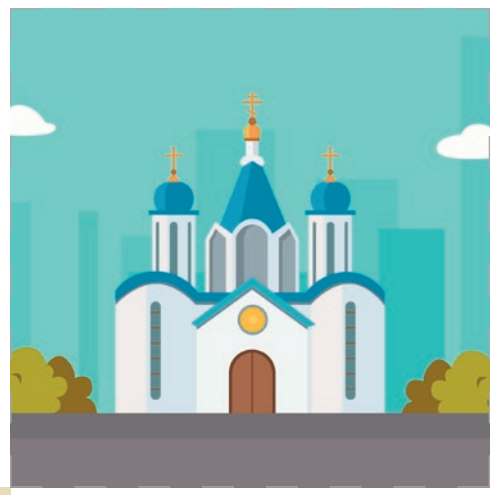






# IMAGES

## City features for story stones





# TEMPLATES

## Underwater magic sand recipe

### Ingredients

- Clean sand – natural or coloured
- Waterproofing spray, e.g. Scotchgard

### Method

1. Spread the sand out on a baking tray lined with foil.
2. Spray with the waterproofing spray in a well-ventilated space, and repeat three times, stirring well between each spray.
3. Allow the sand to dry for two hours before use.



# TEMPLATES

## Flubber recipe

### Ingredients

- 3/4 cup of cold water
- 1 cup of PVA glue (Elmers liquid school glue is best)
- liquid food colouring
- 1/2 cup of hot water
- 1 tspn borax

You will need a bowl and a jug.

### Method

1. Mix the cold water, glue and food colouring in a bowl.
2. Mix the hot water and borax in a jug, stirring until the borax has completely dissolved.
3. Slowly add the water, glue and food colouring mixture to the hot water and borax mixture and mix well.
4. Pour off the excess water.

Your flubber is now ready to use! Store it in a sealed plastic tub.

## Credits

### Song and rap

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