

# Vocabulary

## run down

**Meaning:** Old, damaged, or in poor condition.

**Examples:**

1. That part of town looks run down.
2. The building is old and run down.

## particularly

**Meaning:** Especially; more than usual.

**Examples:**

1. London is particularly expensive.
2. I like fruit, particularly apples.

## affluent

**Meaning:** Rich; having a lot of money.

**Examples:**

1. She lives in an affluent neighborhood.
2. That area is quite affluent.

## literally

**Meaning:** Exactly as stated; not exaggerated.

**Examples:**

1. The mood literally changes street by street.
2. I was literally five minutes late.

## in my particular case

**Meaning:** For me personally; in my situation.

**Examples:**

1. In my particular case, I live near London Bridge.
2. In my particular case, it was different.

**gentrified**

**Meaning:** Improved by money and development, often making it more expensive.

**Examples:**

1. The area has become gentrified.
2. Old neighborhoods are being gentrified.

**put back into**

**Meaning:** Invested again; returned as money or effort.

**Examples:**

1. Money was put back into the neighborhood.
2. The city put funds back into public housing.

**crumbling**

**Meaning:** Breaking apart; falling into poor condition.

**Examples:**

1. The old building is crumbling.
2. The walls were crumbling.

**take it down**

**Meaning:** Remove or demolish something.

**Examples:**

1. They had to take the building down.
2. Please take down that sign.

**falling apart**

**Meaning:** In very bad condition; breaking down.

**Examples:**

1. Some buildings are falling apart.
2. The old house is falling apart.

## struggling

**Meaning:** Having difficulty with money, work, or life.

**Examples:**

1. Some families are struggling financially.
2. The business is struggling.

## Vocabulary Quiz

Complete the sentences with the vocabulary above.  
particularly • affluent • gentrified  
crumbling • struggling • falling apart

1. The old school was \_\_\_ and unsafe to use.
2. Some families are \_\_\_ to pay rent.
3. The area has become more \_\_\_ over the past decade.
4. This part of the city is \_\_\_ expensive.
5. Many buildings were \_\_\_ before redevelopment.
6. She grew up in an \_\_\_ neighborhood.

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## Are any areas in your town run down?

Hi, I'm Olivia. I'm originally from Washington DC, and right now I live in London. And my question is, are any areas in your town *run down*?

And the answer is yes, as is for every area. But *particularly* in London, it's a really unique place that I've never experienced anywhere else where one street can be really nice and quite *affluent* and have lovely cafes. And you walk 50 meters down that street and it feels completely different. It *literally* changes street by street and on the street. *In*

**my particular case**, I live in Burmanskje right near London Bridge, and it's a really nice area. Parts that are quite **gentrified**, so there's been a lot of money **put back into** that neighborhood. So lovely shops, lots of people live there. The price of living there is really, really high, but then there's still the remaining parts of the neighborhood that hasn't had that money put back into it.

And so, the corner that I live on has some really, really nice flats and apartments. And then you walk down the road and the community center building that's literally there to help people in the community as an outreach is **crumbling** and they've had to **take it down** for construction. And you kind of walk further into that street and you can just kind of feel in the area lots of buildings are **falling apart**. There's not been as much money put into it. The people who live there might be **struggling** a little bit more. So yeah, definitely, especially where I live, it changes street by street.

## Quiz

Answer the following questions about the interview.

1) Where does she live now?

a) Washington DC

**b) London**

2) How does the area change?

**a) street by street**

b) year by year

3) What happened to the community center?

a) it became a cafe

**b) it was falling apart**

**What is the correct word?** Listen to the audio to hear the answer!

Hi, I'm Olivia. I'm originally from Washington DC, and right **new/new** I live in London. And my question is, are any **area/areas** in your town run **down/dump**?

And the answer is yes, as is for **every/ever** area. But particularly in London, it's a really **unique/uniquely** place that I've never experienced **anywhere/anyone** else where one street can be really nice and **quite/quiet** affluent and have lovely cafes. And you walk 50 meters dropdown that street and it feels **completely/complete** different. It literally changes street by street and **in/on** the street. In my particular case,

I **love/live** in Burmansie right near London Bridge, and it's a really nice **area/area**. Parts that are quite gentrified, so there's been a **let/lot** of money put back into that neighborhood. So **love/lovely** shops, lots of people live there. The price of living **their/there** is really, really high, but then there's still the remaining **parts/part** of the neighborhood that hasn't had that money put back **on/into** it.

And so, the **cover/corner** that I live on has some really, really nice **flats/flat** and apartments. And then you walk **around/down** the road and the community center **building/builder** that's literally there to help people in the community as an **outreach/outside** is crumbling and they've had to **take/took** it down for construction. And you kind of walk **further/farther** into that street and you can just kind of **felt/feel** in the area lots of buildings are falling **into/apart**. There's not been as much money **place/put** into it. The people who live there might be **struggling/struggle** a little bit more. So yeah, **definite/definitely**, especially where I live, it **charges/changes** street by street.