| **Word/phrase** | | **Translation** | **Usage/memory aid** |
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| C  Urban jungle or city of the future? I’ve seen a future without cars, and it’s amazing | | | |
| globe | Globus; Erdball | | * I’ve been travelling the globe for two years. * globe → global |
| metropolis | Metropole; Weltstadt | | * You can find everything in this city. It’s a metropolis. |
| city dweller | Stadtbewohner/-in | | * City dwellers often have to deal with noise pollution. * city dweller ↔ small-town dweller |
| absence | Abwesenheit; Ausbleiben | | * After my grandfather’s death, I felt his absence every day. * absence ↔ presence * absence → absent |
| air pollution | Luftverschmutzung | | * Too much traffic has caused massive air pollution in the city. |
| exhaust | Abgas; Auspuffgase | | * The exhaust emissions of this car are too high. |
| pedestrian | Fußgänger/in | | * The sidewalk is for pedestrians. * pedestrian = someone who is walking instead of riding a bicycle or driving a car |
| electric bike | Elektrofahrrad | | * I used to go to work by car, but now I have an electric bike. |
| to skyrocket | emporschnellen; sprunghaft ansteigen | | * Food prices have skyrocketed over the past few months. |
| spread | Ausbreitung; Verbreitung; Spannweite | | * People are worried about the spread of the virus. * spread → to spread |
| public transit (AE) | öffentliche Verkehrsmittel | | * As I don’t have a car, I use public transit to get to work. * public transit (AE) = public transport (BE) |
| option | Möglichkeit; Wahl; Option | | * What’s the best option? |
| space | Raum; Weltraum | | * 1. Please leave some space for my picture on the wall. 2. The moon is in space. |
| average speed | Durchschnittsgeschwindigkeit | | * What’s your average speed when you go hiking? |
| car dependency | Autoabhängigkeit | | * Especially outside the big cities, car dependency is an issue. |
| automobile | Auto; Automobil; PKW | | * My brother works for an automobile manufacturer. |
| urban planning | Stadtentwicklung | | * Who is responsible for urban planning in this city? |
| architecture | Architektur | | * New York is world-famous for its spectacular architecture. * architecture → architect |
| to create | schaffen; erschaffen; erfinden | | * The artist has created a wonderful painting. * to create → creation |
| opportunity | Gelegenheit | | * He didn’t miss the opportunity to apply for his dream job. a missed/lost/golden opportunity |
| to reduce | reduzieren; vermindern; verringern | | * Our company has reduced carbon emissions by 40%. |
| reliance (on) | Abhängigkeit (von); Vertrauen (auf); Verlass (auf) | | * We need to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels. * reliance (on) = dependence = trust * reliance (on) → to rely on sb/sth |
| proposal | Vorschlag; Entwurf; Gesetzesvorlage | | * He made a proposal to reduce production costs. * proposal → to propose |
| to liberate (from) | befreien (von) | | * The soldiers liberated the city. * to liberate (from) → liberty |
| to banish (from) | verbannen (aus) | | * He could never return to his village because he had been banished. |
| environmental | Umwelt-; die Umwelt betreffend; umweltbedingt | | * Global warming causes environmental changes. * environmental → environment |
| to produce | herstellen; produzieren | | * Our company produces cars. * to produce = to manufacture * to produce → production → product → producer |
| to operate | bedienen; operieren | | * If you operate a machine, you control it while it works. |
| long-term | langfristig | | * This decision will have a considerable long-term effect. * long-term ↔ short-term |
| exposure | Aussetzung; Ausgesetztsein | | * Exposure to toxic substances can damage your health. * exposure → exposed |
| to emit | ausstoßen; absondern | | * Millions of tons of CO2 are emitted every year. * to emit → emission |
| to call attention to sb/sth | auf jmdn./etw. aufmerksam machen | | * The activists wanted to call attention to an issue that had widely been ignored. |
| wasteful | verschwenderisch | | * Ever since he became rich, he has adopted an extremely wasteful lifestyle. |
| to construct | bauen; konstruieren | | * When was this building constructed? * to construct → construction |
| movement | Bewegung; Fortbewegung | | * The company needs to organise the movement of goods from one place to another. * movement → to move |
| storage | Speicherung; Lagerung | | * This room is used for the storage of supplies. * storage → to store |
| swift | schnell; zügig | | * The request was followed by a swift answer. * swift = quick |
| parking space | Parklücke | | * My car doesn’t fit into the parking space. |
| on foot | zu Fuß | | * There was no bus to the village, so they went on foot. |
| battery-powered | batteriebetrieben | | * Everyone should have a battery-powered radio for emergency situations. |
| device | Gerät; Vorrichtung | | * Please switch off all your electronic devices. |
| car-free | autofrei | | * The city centre is kept car-free. |
| uptown (AE) | stadtaufwärts; im Norden von Manhattan | | * I live in an apartment uptown. |
| downtown (AE) | Stadtzentrum; im Stadtzentrum; im Süden von Manhattan | | * I think malls are boring. Shopping downtown is cooler! Downtown has changed a lot since the September 11 attacks. * downtown (AE) = in the city centre (BE) |
| \*to take | dauern; (Zeit) brauchen | | * It takes two hours to get to London by train. |
| to face a challenge | vor einer Herausforderung stehen | | * The government is facing huge challenges. |
| cause | Grund; Ursache; Sache | | * 1. What’s the cause of your injury? – I had a bike accident. 2. We’re fighting for a good cause: animal rights. * cause → to cause → because |
| lack of | Mangel an; Fehlen von | | * He was often criticised for his lack of politeness. * lack of → to lack |
| accessible | zugänglich | | * All the lifts in the museum are wheelchair accessible. |
| housing affordability crisis, housing affordability crises (pl) | Immobilienkrise | | * Rising prices for homes have contributed to a housing affordability crisis. |
| shortage | Knappheit; Mangel | | * We aren’t allowed to water our garden because of the current water shortage. * If there’s a shortage of sth, there isn’t enough of it. * shortage → short → to shorten |
| threat | Bedrohung; Gefahr | | * Nuclear weapons were a constant threat during the Cold War. * threat → to threaten |
| to justify | rechtfertigen; begründen | | * Can anything justify child labour? * to justify → just → justice |