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n. pl. cit·ies

1. A center of population, commerce, and culture; a town of significant size and importance.
2.
 - a. An incorporated municipality in the United States with definite boundaries and legal powers set forth in a charter granted by the state.
 - b. A Canadian municipality of high rank, usually determined by population but varying by province.
 - c. A large incorporated town in Great Britain, usually the seat of a bishop, with its title conferred by the Crown.
3. The inhabitants of a city considered as a group.
4. An ancient Greek city-state.
5. *Slang* Used in combination as an intensive: *The playing field was mud city after the big rain.*
6. **City** The financial and commercial center of London. Used with *the*.

[Middle English *cite*, from Old French, from Latin *cīvitās*, from *cīvis*, citizen; see **kei-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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