

#### Today's Headlines:

**Yemen at 'breaking point'**

**Bus for the homeless**

**City living for honeybees**

#### Transcript:

Seeing first hand **a testament** of what one city has endured. This is where the conflict has been at its fiercest. Before the war 50,000 people lived here. In the last 18 months Saada has become a key battleground – the heart of the Houthi rebellion and the target of more airstrikes than any other Yemeni city.

All aboard for what could be a revolution in housing for the homeless. This is the double decker bus that's doubling up as accommodation. Paul has **lived rough** here on the Isle of Wight (UK) for months, but he's now one of 14 homeless people with a permanent berth on-board. Top deck the seats are out and the beds are in. Downstairs there are more beds, a fully-fitted kitchen, even a wood-burner.

With worldwide concern growing about the decline of bees, there's been a renewed interest in creating **sanctuaries** for these key pollinators to thrive. One of them is in the heart of the British capital. The University of London's beekeeping project provides an **urban oasis** for honeybees while providing hands-on learning opportunities for its researchers. These rooftop hives in the heart of the city provide more than 10 kilos of honey a year - plus by-products - like beeswax.

#### Words and phrases and definitions:

**a testament**

evidence that something exists

**lived rough**

lived outside, often on the streets

**sanctuaries**

safe places

**urban oasis**

a quiet place in a built up area

**Watch the video online:** <http://bbc.in/2gIXkrl>

### Exercise:

Use one of the words or phrases from Lingohack to complete each of these sentences. Note that you may have to change the form of a word or phrase to complete the sentence correctly.

**a testament / lived rough / sanctuaries / urban oasis**

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