

Reading Comprehension (total 30 points)

The following words and expressions are underlined in the text. For each one find a synonym from the box and write it next to the word. (./10)

1. sharply (line 2)	<u>significantly</u>	protect agree stay at home enthusiastic give on average less important rent hardly self-confident don't want significantly attraction even steal it's not surprising factories contribute to a decision widespread discouraged
2. poach (line 6)	<u>steal</u>	
3. plants (line 8)	<u>factories</u>	
4. as a whole (line 19)	<u>on average</u>	
5. have a say (line 24)	<u>contribute to a decision</u>	
6. comply (line 24)	<u>agree</u>	
7. rife (line 30)	<u>widespread</u>	
8. put off (line 36)	<u>discouraged</u>	
9. barely (line 38)	<u>hardly</u>	
10. keen (line 43)	<u>enthusiastic</u>	
11. let (line 43)	<u>rent</u>	
12. lowlier (line 47)	<u>less important</u>	
13. are loth (line 50-51)	<u>don't want</u>	
14. assertive (line 55)	<u>self-confident</u>	
15. cosset (line 60)	<u>protect</u>	
16. dole out (line 64)	<u>give</u>	
17. stick around (line 65)	<u>stay at home</u>	
18. lure (line 62)	<u>attraction</u>	
19. albeit (line 62-63)	<u>even</u>	
20. no wonder (line 69)	<u>it's not surprising</u>	

2. The following words are UNDERLINED in the text. What do they refer to? (./5)

- a. local workers (line 8-9) Where from?
from the Veneto

- b. the Italian figure (line 20-21) Give the full Italian figure.
1,3 million + 300,000 = 1.6 million

- c. There (line 28) Where? the South of Italy

- d. strangers (line 44) Where from? not from Milan or the North, so Southerners. Strangers are people you don't know

- e. so is the climate. (line 67) . The climate is what? Like what? warmer