

PRE-INTERMEDIATE UNIT 10

1 OVERVIEW: Watch the video. Which opinions of city life do you agree with?

2 Read Hina's text and watch the video from 0:10–0:26. Delete the incorrect words in *italics*.

I've always enjoyed ¹*living in/visiting* cities.
I like the mix of ²*culture/people* and all the
different ³*things/places* that you can ⁴*do/see*.
Not everyone feels like me, though. ⁵*Most/Some*
people prefer the peace and quiet of the
⁶*country/city*. How about you? Do you enjoy
⁷*city/country* life?



3 Do they enjoy city life? Watch the video from 0:26–1:04. How many people don't enjoy it?

4 Look at the people below and read what they say about city life. Then watch the video again from 0:26–1:04 and write A–F next to the correct answers.



- 1 So it's what I'm used to and I enjoy that I can get everywhere really easily.
- 2 I think London especially is very vibrant – and there's always something going on.
- 3 I enjoy it. It's a – it suits me.
- 4 Much prefer the country.
- 5 There's always lots of things to do.
- 6 It's a great place to be.

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Glossary: *suit* (v) = good for you
vibrant = exciting, full of energy

5A What are the good things about living in a city? Read the phrases in the box and watch the video from 1:04–1:55. Tick (✓) the six answers you hear. There are two extra ones.

lots of events and culture ✓	fantastic nightlife	terrific theatre	good transport
huge choice of restaurants	different kinds of people	cheap and frequent tube	feeling safe

Glossary: *huge choice of restaurants* = there are a lot of restaurants to choose from
frequent tube = it comes often

5B Watch the video again and practise saying the phrases in Exercise 5A.

- 6** What are the main problems in cities? Look at the people below and read their answers. Then watch the video from 1:55–2:55 and underline the words you hear in *italics*.



- 1 The traffic is horribly *busy/congested*.



- 2 Sometimes it can be difficult to get *into/round* the city quickly, and that can be frustrating.



- 3 The main problems I'd say are probably crime and just not *feeling/being* safe.
4 I think there's not much that you can really do about crime – because I think it's a *social issue/problem*.



- 5 I think that we should be encouraging more sort of green transport so, *walking/cycling* ...



- 6 You either want to live in a city or you want to live in the countryside, or by the sea. And I think it's your *choice/decision*.

Glossary: *congested* = too much traffic
frustrating = feel disappointed because there's nothing you can about it

- 7 THE WAY WE SPEAK:** Look at the people below and read what they say. Then watch the video from 1:04–2:19 and complete the sentences with one word in each space, 1–6.



- 1 I live ¹right *next* door to the Globe Theatre, the Tate Modern – so theatre is terrific.



- 2 The fact that you can live, probably ²miles _____ from your friends.



- 3 And you can all sort of, get to the same place fairly easily, and fairly quickly.



- 4 Everywhere's ³ _____ at hand. There's always lots of people around so you feel quite safe.



- 5 I think there's always very much of a go-go attitude – that you have to be ⁴on the _____ the whole time. And there isn't the time just to ⁵chill _____ and take time out. And if you're not doing something, you're ⁶missing _____.

Glossary: *go-go attitude* = people think you should do things all the time

8 VOCABULARY: Write a phrase from 1–6 in Exercise 7 that means the same as the words in *italics* in the sentences below.

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| 1 | She can't walk to the shops because they're <i>in the next town</i> . | <u>miles away</u> |
| 2 | I've had a very busy week so I'm just going to <i>relax</i> this weekend. | <u> </u> |
| 3 | He's got so much energy. He's always <i>doing something</i> . | <u> </u> |
| 4 | She always goes to parties because she doesn't want to
<i>miss something she might enjoy</i> . | <u> </u> |
| 5 | I don't have to drive to work because I live <i>in a flat next</i> to my office. | <u> </u> |
| 6 | They like living in a city because all the shops and cinemas are <i>near their house</i> . | <u> </u> |

9 PERSONALISATION: Write your answers to the questions.

- 1 What are the good things about living in your town/city?

- 2 What are the main problems?

- 3 What do you think of city life? Whose opinions do you most agree with in the video?
