Unit 5

J：A few days ago, I saw a news where the data surprised me a lot.

Z：Oh really? What’s the news about?

J：It calculates the population distribution of China. China has 1.4 billion people, about 900 million of whom live in cities, and more and more of them live in big cities.

Z：Oh my god, that's a huge number. In your opinion, why do so many people want to live in big cities?

J：Living in a big city definitely has its advantages, like access to better job opportunities.

Y：I think the variety of entertainment and cultural activities is a big plus. There's always something new to do or see.

Z：Also, big cities often offer better healthcare facilities and educational institutions.

Y：Moreover, big cities have the wide range of dining and shopping options. You can find almost anything in a big city.

Z：You are right. And another advantage is the public transportation system in big cities. It's usually more developed and efficient.

J：I want to add to what you just said. Big cities also offer a melting pot of different cultures and people. It's great for broadening your horizon.

Y：Yes. And in terms of personal growth, big cities often provide more opportunities for networking and career advancement.

J：Let's not forget the innovation and technological advancements that are often concentrated in big cities.

Z：I also think that living in a big city can expose you to more art and culture, like museums, galleries, and theaters.

J：That's true, we can learn more and let our soul be enhanced.

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Y：Yes, I think living in big cities also has many disadvantages. The cost of living is so high! Rent, transportation, everything costs more.

Z：And don't forget the pollution and the crowds. These can really affect your quality of life.

J：In addition, The pace of life is so fast and stressful. It can be overwhelming at times.

Z：Oh! The traffic jams! Sometimes you spend hours stuck in traffic, which is really frustrating.

Y：Besides, it can be hard to find a sense of belonging. People can feel lost or isolated in such a vast environment.

Z：True, and cities offer a fast-paced lifestyle, which can be exciting, but also exhausting and stressful for many people.

Y：Moreover, the competition in big cities can be fierce, not just in work, but also in schools and social circles.

总结J：All in all. It's a complex balance, isn't it? The energy and opportunities of city life come with their own set of challenges.