

Overview

Watch the video podcast. Which opinions of city life do you agree with?

1 Read Hina's text and watch the video podcast from 0:10-0:26. Delete the incorrect words in italics.



I've always enjoyed *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?

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

3 Look at the people below and read what they say about city life. Then watch the podcast 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. C
- 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.

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

4A What are the good things about living in a city? Read the phrases in the box and watch the video podcast from 1:04-1:55. Tick (✓) the six answers you hear. There are two extra ones.

<i>lots of events and culture</i> ✓	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

4B Watch the podcast again and practise saying the phrases in Ex 4A.

5 What are the main problems in cities? Look at the people below and read their answers. Then watch the video podcast 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

The way we speak

6 Look at the people below and read what they say. Then watch the video podcast 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

Vocabulary

7 Write a phrase from 1-6 in Ex 6 that means the same as the words in italics in the sentences below.

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

Personalisation

8 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 podcast?

FUN FACTS

Office workers are having music lessons to stop them getting stressed. To find out more, go to the BBC link below.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/music-lessons-beyond-the-classroom/6606.html>

