

maybe to have more setbacks than taller people.

Lynn Sherr: David, you're nodding your head. Do you think that's true?

David: Sure, oh yeah. Growing up you take a lot of abuse, you know, always being the short one and getting picked on and name calling. It happens.

Barbara Walters: What has happened to these three nice guys from the early experiment? Any women in their lives?

Lynn Sherr: Well, Dave, whom we told you was getting married has gotten married, so he's . . . that's all fine. Stu and Rob are still available, however. Women of America, tall or short, they're out there.

ANSWER KEY

- A. c
- B. 1. unemployed 2. surgeon 3. money
- C. *Answers will vary.*
- D. 1. height, size, physical 2. best friends, height 3. the credit 4. hurt, taller people 5. being the short one
- E. 1. *Individual responses may include variations on the following:* More women probably chose David than Stu because he's taller. 2. *Answers will vary.*

UNIT 5

Urban Life vs. Suburban Life

On-the-Street Interviews: *I enjoy living in the city because . . .*

PREVIEW

- Ask students *Which do you think is better—life in the city or life in the suburbs? Why?*

VIEW

Ask students to focus on a different topic each time they view. Some ideas:

- Ask students to listen for whether the interviewees prefer living in the city or the suburbs.
- Ask students to listen for what arguments each interviewee makes to support his or her opinion.

If you decide to use the optional Activity Worksheet, ask students to read each activity before viewing.

REVIEW

- Ask comprehension questions. Play the video segment again if necessary.

Where does Jessica live—in the city or in the suburbs? (in the city)

Why did she move to the city from the suburbs? (She felt she needed to grow up.)

Which does she prefer? (She doesn't think one is better than the other; each has its benefits.)

Why does Chris think a lot of people live in the city? (because of work)

How does he compare people in cities to people in the suburbs? (He says people in cities can come across as more rude than people in the suburbs, but once you get to know them, they are as nice as people anywhere else.)

How does Emma describe the city where she lives? (Depending on the time of day, it's quiet; there are many families with children; people of different cultures live there; the people are hard-working; it's a nice community; it's clean; there are many stores for shopping and a little family theater.)

Why does Emma enjoy living in her city? (She has quick access to everything; she doesn't have to travel by car to go shopping.)

Does Natalie like living in the city? (yes) Why? (Because it's busy and there's always something to do; there are bars and restaurants everywhere; there are interesting people to meet.)

How long is Natalie's commute to work? (20 minutes)

EXTENSION

Oral work

- Discussion. Create two columns on the board titled *City* and *Suburbs*. Have students recall the advantages of life in each that were mentioned. Write these on the board. Then ask *What disadvantages of living in the city were mentioned?* (people may seem more rude; the city can be kind of messy; it can get a little too busy.) Have students suggest additional advantages and disadvantages and write them on the board. Encourage students to discuss whether they agree or disagree with their classmates. Point out that what may seem like an advantage to one person may seem like a disadvantage to someone else.

- Pair work. Replay Emma's description of her city. Write these questions on the board for students to discuss:

Does Emma's city sound like a place you would like to live?

What in her description appeals to you? What doesn't sound good to you?

Then have students describe where they live in detail for their partners.

Written work

- Replay Chris's comments about people who live in cities and the suburbs. On the board write: *Do you agree with Chris that people in the city differ from people in the suburbs?* Tell students to write a response, explaining their answers and referring to people they know who live in the city and in the suburbs.
- Tell students to imagine that a close friend is thinking about moving to their city or town. Have them write an e-mail discussing the advantages and disadvantages of living in this city or town. They can either encourage or discourage the friend from moving there. Refer students to the interviews for ideas.

OOPS! Jessica refers to being *in the nature*. She means to say *being in nature*.

Jessica says *Both sites is very good*. She means to say *Both sites are very good*.

Chris says that people in the suburbs have *less pressures* on them. He means to say *less pressure*. *Pressure* is a non-count noun and does not have a plural form.

VIDEO SCRIPT

Interviewer: Do you live right in the city or are you in a suburb?

Jessica: I used to live in the suburbs with my parents 'til I was seventeen years old. And then, as I thought I have to grow up, I moved into the city, and I lived in the center.

Interviewer: So which do you prefer?

Jessica: That's difficult because both sites have their, like, advantages. In the city you're around your friends, and it's much easier to, yeah, to go out and to meet people, and you're at home in ten minutes because you can walk. And if you live in the suburbs, it's more quiet and yeah, you're more in the countryside, and more in the nature with the, yeah with your family, so it's like . . . I wouldn't say one is better than the other one. It has . . . both sites is very good, so I like both.

Chris: I think most people in the city are there because of work, a lot of the times, so a lot of people are rushing, and they've got deadlines and appointments to meet. So they can come across as a bit more rude than perhaps people in the suburbs who have less pressures on

them, it seems to me. But I think once you get talking to people in the city, when they've got time, they're just as nice as anyone else.

Interviewer: Tell me where you live.

Emma: I live in the city. Where I live is kind of quiet, but it depends on the time of the day, and sometimes there is like a little restaurant in the area, and people tend to go there. So sometimes you hear when people are coming out when it's really late, but it's not noisy all the time. It's OK; it's a medium kind of sound there. There's lots of children there—families, a lot of families. Different cultures, hard-working people. It's a very nice community. It's very clean, which is kind of different from the city because the city's kind of messy, but they maintain it, and they keep it very nice. So lots of stores, shopping, a little family theater area where kids can go watch shows with their family. So it's a very nice area . . . I enjoy living in the city because I get, it's quick access to, like, food or, you know, you don't have to travel in a car or go down an hour or two to the mall. I mean, you can just walk up to any store and get an outfit and you're gone. Like, it doesn't take a lot of work to go somewhere.

Natalie: I live in the city, and I really enjoy living in the city because it's very busy, and there's always something to do. It gets a bit too busy sometimes, and so you . . . it's nice to take vacations. But I like living in the city because there's always bars to go to, there's restaurants, there's plenty to do. The commute to work is very short—it only takes me about twenty minutes to get to work by public transportation. And, yeah, I really like it, because there's lots of people with similar interests and very interesting people to speak to all the time.

ANSWER KEY

- A. 1. b 2. c 3. a 4. b 5. c
B. 1. Emma 2. Natalie 3. Jessica 4. Natalie 5. Emma 6. Chris
C. lots of children, different cultures, hard-working people, lots of stores, a family theater area, a very nice community
D. *Individual responses should include variations on the following:*
Advantages: It's very busy; there's always something to do; there are always bars and restaurants to go to; the commute to work is very short; there are lots of people with similar interests.
Disadvantage: It gets too busy sometimes.
E. *Answers will vary.*

Name _____

Date _____

UNIT 5 Urban Life vs. Suburban Life

On-the-Street Interviews: *I enjoy living in the city because ...*

A. Circle the letter of the best choice to complete each statement.



Jessica



Chris



Emma



Natalie

- Chris says people in cities can on first impression seem than people in the suburbs.
 - more intelligent
 - ruder
 - more stressed out
- Emma likes living in the city because
 - of cultural events
 - of her short commute
 - of the convenience
- According to Jessica, one advantage of living in the suburbs is that
 - it's quieter
 - people are friendlier
 - it's less expensive
- One of the reasons Natalie likes living in the city is the
 - culture
 - social life
 - employment opportunities
- Jessica thinks that
 - life in the city is better
 - life in the suburbs is better
 - life in both the city and suburbs is good

B. Answer the questions, using information from the video.

- On an average day, who probably sees the most children in her neighborhood?
- Who commutes by public transportation?
- Who would probably be happy living in either the city or the suburbs?
- Who would probably choose to vacation somewhere other than a city?
- Who appreciates the convenience of shopping in the city?
- Who thinks that life in the city is more stressful than life in the suburbs?

Name _____

Date _____

C. What details does Emma give about her city? Check the things she mentions in her description.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> very safe | <input type="checkbox"/> hard-working people | <input type="checkbox"/> noisy all the time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> lots of children | <input type="checkbox"/> a nice mall | <input type="checkbox"/> ethnic food |
| <input type="checkbox"/> different cultures | <input type="checkbox"/> lots of stores | <input type="checkbox"/> a very nice community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> many good bars | <input type="checkbox"/> a family theater area | <input type="checkbox"/> a bit messy |

D. According to Natalie, what are the advantages of living in the city? What is the disadvantage?

Advantages: _____

Disadvantage: _____

E. Do you have a preference for country life or city life? Explain and give examples of what you like and dislike about each.
