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Surveys show that the city has the worst traffic in the world. It is worse than São Paulo, Brazil. The average commuter spends four hours in traffic per day. There are approximately 6 million cars, taxis, buses, and other vehicles carrying 22 million people.

Quality-of-Life Indicators

What do you look for in a town/community? Check the indicators that are important to you.

- Cost of living
- Cost of housing
- Clean air/air quality
- Low crime rate
- Green areas
- Hospitals
- Schools
- Public transportation
- Culture and recreation

Quick Check ✓

A. Vocabulary. Underline the comparative and superlative forms in the article.

B. Comprehension. Answer **true** or **false**.

1. ___ In Japan, trains are less expensive than planes.
2. ___ The trains in Japan travel at a speed faster than sound.
3. ___ The crime rate in Hong Kong is as low as that of Singapore.
4. ___ Cambridge has a lot of green areas, but noise is a problem.
5. ___ The traffic in Mexico City is much worse than in São Paulo.

C. Rank the items in the quality-of-life chart from 1-9. Compare your answers with a partner.

2 Pair Work



Ask and answer about the places you know. Use ideas in the article and the chart.

- Ask Do you know what the cost of living is like in Amman?
- Answer It isn't as expensive as it is in Abu Dhabi.
- Ask Which do you think is more polluted, São Paulo or Mexico City?
- Answer São Paulo is just as polluted as Mexico City.