ID 3 UNIT 3 WORKBOOK 3.3

Do you ever want to get away from it all?

1 **Read comments from four people about where they live. Match the topics in the box to each person.**

crime driving money noise

Carlos

I've sold my car recently and now I only use public transportation. I hated it because I always got stuck in [1]_____ jams and could never find a parking [2]_____ . Also, there's a lot of car [3]_____ so I was always afraid I'd lose it one day.

Mike

My city isn't a quiet place. People are always [7]_____ their horns loudly, it makes me mad. Sometimes I just want to get away from all the [8]_____ pollution and hide on a quiet beach forever!

Carlos talked about _____

Mike talked about _____

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Anya talked about _____

Anya

There's a lot of [4]_____ round here, you can see it everywhere, from broken windows to graffiti. There's also a lot of [5]_____ on the buses, especially when it's crowded. It's a constant worry, you have to keep your hands on your bags and pockets to stop people stealing from you. The crime [6]_____ in general is very high.

Margaret talked about _____

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I live in a small town, where most of the young people have left to work in big cities. It's become very poor, and most people here are in [9]_____ .They're struggling to pay their bills most of the time, so they don't have much of a work–life [10]_____ .

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2 **Complete the comments in 1 with the words in the box. There are two extra words.**

balance	debt	honking	noise
pickpocketing	rate	spot	construction
theft	trash	traffic	vandalism

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4 Which of the urban problems do each of these sentences describe?

a Oh, no! Someone's stolen my car!

b I wish I had more friends, I hardly ever leave the house.

c I never get any free time any more. I just seem to work all the time.

d I don't know how I'm going to pay my bills this month.

e Uh-oh, it looks like the parking lot is full.

f You're never off your phone!

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5 **Make it personal** **Complete sentences a–c. Use words and phrases from this unit to help you. Then share your answers with a friend.**

a I don't mind ..., but ... really annoys me.

b I wouldn't live in a city where / which ... .

c In big cities, it's difficult to ... .

Personal responses, complete and send to your teacher.

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3 **Match phrases 1–10 to endings a–j to make phrases describing urban problems.**

1	constantly ◯	◯ a	loneliness
2	go through ◯	◯ b	balance
3	suffer from ◯	◯ c	parking spot
4	get stuck ◯	◯ d	connected
5	find a ◯	◯ e	theft
6	be in ◯	◯ f	pollution
7	crime ◯	◯ g	red lights
8	work–life ◯	◯ h	in traffic jams
9	noise ◯	◯ i	rate
10	car ◯	◯ j	debt

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