



### 2/ The Sharks or the American dream



In the film, Maria – the sister of the Sharks' leader – says:

This is my first time in New York City. I want to be happy here. I want to make a life, a home.

This line is an introduction to a song called *America*. In this song, the Puerto Rican immigrants express their feelings about the United States. But men and women don't agree.

**a/** Listen to the 1961 version of the song *America*.



**b/** Read the lyrics and draw **W** for the lines sung by women and **M** for the lines sung by men.

<input type="checkbox"/>	I like to be in America	<input type="checkbox"/>	I'll get a terrace apartment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Okay by me in America	<input type="checkbox"/>	Better get rid of your accent
<input type="checkbox"/>	Everything free in America	<input type="checkbox"/>	Life can be bright in America
<input type="checkbox"/>	For a small fee in America	<input type="checkbox"/>	If you can fight in America
<input type="checkbox"/>	Buying on credit is so nice	<input type="checkbox"/>	Life is all right in America
<input type="checkbox"/>	One look at us and they charge twice	<input type="checkbox"/>	If you're a white in America
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have my own washing machine	<input type="checkbox"/>	Here you are free and you have pride
<input type="checkbox"/>	What will you have not to keep clean?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Long as you stay on your own side
<input type="checkbox"/>	Skyscrapers bloom in America	<input type="checkbox"/>	Free to be anything you choose
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cadillacs zoom in America	<input type="checkbox"/>	Free to wait tables and shine shoes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry boom in America	<input type="checkbox"/>	Everywhere crime in America
<input type="checkbox"/>	Twelve in a room in America	<input type="checkbox"/>	Organized crime in America
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lots of new housing with more space	<input type="checkbox"/>	Terrible time in America
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lots of doors slamming in our face		

**c/** Tick the words corresponding to the women

space      freedom      crime      exploitation      discrimination      consumption