

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.



Carlos talked about _____

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!



Mike talked about _____

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 _____.



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!

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.

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

1 constantly ☐

2 go through ☐

3 suffer from ☐

4 get stuck ☐

5 find a ☐

6 be in ☐

7 crime ☐

8 work–life ☐

9 noise ☐

10 car ☐

☐ a loneliness

☐ b balance

☐ c parking spot

☐ d connected

☐ e theft

☐ f pollution

☐ g red lights

☐ h in traffic jams

☐ i rate

☐ j debt