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### LIVING IN THE CITY

Living in a city has both advantages and disadvantages. On the plus side it is often easier to find work, and there is usually a choice of public transport, so you don't need to own a car. Also there are a lot of interesting things to do and places to see. For example, you can eat in good restaurants, visit museums, and go to the theatres and to concerts. What is more, when you want to relax, you can usually find a park where you can feed the ducks or just sit on a park bench and read a book. All in all, city life is full of bustle and variety and you need never feel bored.

However, for every plus there is a minus. For one thing, unless your job is very well-paid, you will not be able to afford many of the things that there are to do, because living in a city is often very expensive. It is particularly difficult to find good, cheap accommodation. What is more, public transport is sometimes crowded and dirty, particularly in the rush hour, and even the parks can be crowded, especially on Sundays when it seems that every city-dweller, is looking for some open space and green grass. Last of all, despite all the crowds, it is still possible to feel very lonely in a city.

City dwellers live under constant thread. The crime rate in most big cities is very high. Houses are burgled, people are afraid of going out at night. All this, of course, exists in small towns, but not in such awful extend.

In a world, I think that city life can be particularly appealing to young people, who like the excitement of the city and don't mind the noise and pollution. However, many people, when they get older, and particularly when they have young children, often prefer the peace and fresh air of the countryside.

**VOCABULARY**

*advantage* [əd'va:ntɪdʒ] - преимущество

*disadvantage* [,dɪsəd'va:ntɪdʒ] - недостаток; невыгодное положение *choice* [tʃɔɪs] - выбор

*to feed* [fi:d] - кормить

*bustle* ['bʌsl] - суета, суета

to *afford* [ə'fɔ:d] - иметь возможность; позволять себе

*accomodation* [ə,kɔmə'deɪʃ(ə)n] - жилище, убежище

*city-dweller, покинувший убежище* ['sɪtɪ 'dwelə] - городской житель, горожанин

*despite* [dɪs'paɪt] - вопреки, несмотря на

*pollution* [pə'lu:ʃən] - грязь, загрязнение

*to be burgled –* быть ограбленным

**QUESTIONS (на вопросы отвечать по-английски письменно)**

*1. What are advantages and disadvantages of living in a city?*

*2. Where do you prefer to live: in the city or in the countryside?*

*3. Why do young people prefer to live in the city?*

*4. What do many people prefer the peace of the countryside ?*

*5. What city (village) do you live in?*

*6. What are advantages and disadvantages of living in your native city (village)?*

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