

## Big City Life – Das Leben in Großstädten (Klasse 9)

Ein Beitrag von Annika Prescher, Norderney  
 Illustriert von Julia Lenzmann, Stuttgart

Große Städte üben eine starke Faszination auf viele Menschen aus, bestimmt auch auf Ihre Schülerinnen und Schüler. In dieser Einheit beschäftigen sich die Jugendlichen mit ihrer Einstellung zu Großstädten und beleuchten Vor- und Nachteile des Lebens in der Großstadt. Dabei entnehmen sie Informationen aus Bildern, Texten und Tabellen und bewerten diese. Zum Abschluss können alle gewonnenen Kenntnisse für die Recherche zu einer Großstadt eigener Wahl sowie für eine Präsentation genutzt werden.



© colourbox.com

Schnell und hektisch? Oder spannend und abwechslungsreich? – Wie stehen Ihre Schüler zu Großstädten?

### Das Wichtigste auf einen Blick

#### Kompetenzen:

- sich einen groben Überblick über Struktur und Inhalt eines Textes verschaffen
- Texten gezielt Informationen entnehmen, besonders Detailverständnis
- sich Informationen aus fremdsprachlichen Textquellen beschaffen, diese vergleichen, auswählen und bearbeiten
- Texte mithilfe von Stichwörtern, Gliederungen und Handlungsgeländern mündlich vortragen und schriftlich verfassen

#### Dauer:

5–7 Schulstunden

#### Niveau:

Klasse 9

#### Einbettung:

Englisch G 21, B5, Unit 4

Lehrwerkunabhängig einsetzbar



Good and bad aspects of big city life

## Is everything great in big cities? Advantages and disadvantages



In big cities there are many job possibilities! People can find almost any job they like. Start a career in a big city and you have a good base for your future. You also have the chance to do an internship with a big company. This helps to start a career. And, of course, there are many good schools.

Big cities change your life. People rush through the day to catch the bus or a taxi. The streets are always crowded and everybody needs to be in the office on time. In this busy world, people always have to be fast and work quickly.



In big cities, you meet many people from different nationalities and become friends. You can learn about different cultures and how to live together. Just say "hello" to the world.

People have to work hard for their money. They earn and spend it almost at the same time. Here is an example: If you live in San Francisco, you need to make about 30 dollars per hour to pay for a small apartment. Be sure that not only the rent, but food, clothes and public transport cost more than in the countryside.



If you live in a big city, you could feel alone, because everybody cares only about himself. Big cities make you grow up quickly, because only the strong succeed. A big city is not a homey place ...

Being alone in a big city? Being one of many doesn't mean that you're alone. There's always action, and events are happening all the time. OK, people in big cities often live in small apartments. BUT they enjoy the different cultures, food, entertainment and a lifestyle with concerts and parties.



© Thinkstock/Photodisc, iStock

### Task

What would **you** love about life in a big city? Give a short answer.

---



---



---



---



---



M 13



## New York – the city that never sleeps



© colourbox.com

10

For many people, New York stands for big parties, many opportunities<sup>1</sup>, great jobs and the latest fashion. When you look around, you see Broadway, Times Square and the Statue of Liberty ... It feels good to live here.

15

But of course, there are some bad things as well. New York City is probably the most expensive city in the world besides London. People live on a tight budget<sup>2</sup> and always seem to need more money than they earn.



© colourbox.com

Most of the time, there is a traffic jam.

30

But there are so many good things! Living in such a famous city sometimes makes you feel like being part of a movie. And you can get everything you want. Security is quite high in NYC, especially since the attacks of 9/11<sup>4</sup>.

In New York, you can reach everything! Enjoy the fun of the city: restaurants, shows, shopping, sports, Christmas time, being close to the beach ... Life is pure excitement<sup>5</sup> in NYC. And it creates personalities: The city forces you to grow up quickly and to be independent, to follow your own goals. You are taught so much by living in that city like having relations and being an individual."

1 **opportunity**: die Gelegenheit – 2 **to live on a tight budget**: einen schmalen Geldbeutel haben, nicht viel Geld haben – 3 **to squeeze in and out**: hinein- und herausquetschen – 4 **9/11**: 11. September 2001 (Tag der Anschläge von New York) – 5 **excitement**: die Aufregung

"Many people say that New York City is one of the greatest cities in the world. It's in the TOP 10 of the world's leading cities. But what makes it so great and popular? Is it only positive to live there or are there also negative aspects?"

5 For many people, New York stands for big parties, many opportunities<sup>1</sup>, great jobs and the lat-



© colourbox.com

The Statue of Liberty is one of the most famous sights.

Most people come to the city to start a career here. They must work very hard in order to reach their goals. Everybody is very busy and you can get lonely in this highly populated city, as you are one of millions.

Public transport is always crowded and you have to squeeze<sup>3</sup> in and out, especially during rush hour. And, if you go by car, you always wait in traffic jams.