

01 CITIES

WATCH

A Watch the video. Answer these questions.

- 1 According to the speaker, what is the city of Istanbul like?

- 2 What happened when Danilo took a taxi?

B Compare your ideas with a partner.

C Look at the video script. What are the missing words?

D Watch again and check your answers.

PRACTISE PRONUNCIATION

A Practise the conversations in pairs.

B Which words or phrases are difficult for you? Tell a partner.

C Watch again and listen to the words / phrases that are difficult to say.

Ask your teacher to stop the video.

Repeat the word(s) / phrases.

D In pairs, practise reading the dialogue again.

KARAOKE

Watch the karaoke version and look at the video script. Act out the karaoke lines in *italics*.

VIDEO SCRIPT

- Danilo Have you ever been to Istanbul?
- Mai No. What's it like?
- Danilo *It's great. I love it. It's an amazing city.*
- Mai Yeah?
- Danilo Yeah. Obviously, you've got all the culture, all these fascinating places full of history, but you've also got this incredibly vibrant nightlife.
- Mai Really?
- Danilo *Honestly,*¹ _____ *pretty much 24–7.*
- Mai Wow! It's quite big, isn't it?
- Danilo *It's enormous – it's really sprawling – it just goes on*
² _____ *. You can't believe it.*
- Mai Yeah?
- Danilo Actually, when I went there once we were staying on the outskirts in this university and we went out one night and then we had to get a taxi home.
³ _____ *us almost three hours to get back.*
- Mai You're joking!
- Danilo No, seriously! It was crazy. Actually, it was partly because the driver got a bit lost. At one point we were in the middle of nowhere, totally deserted,
⁴ _____ and he was obviously completely lost, and then suddenly we saw this van ahead and our driver raced ahead and kind of just
⁵ _____ and stopped! And the van had to slam on his brakes, like eeeeekk! And then the taxi driver got out and asked him for directions!
- Mai *You're joking! Wasn't the van driver angry?*
- Danilo No, he wasn't, actually a bit confused maybe!
- Mai Are you sure your guy wasn't just trying to get more money from you?
- Danilo No! It was a strange way to do it if he was! And anyway,
⁶ _____ with the help of this Turkish friend before we got in. No, I just think there was so much new building. *They seemed to be springing up everywhere* and the city's got so big and chaotic that, you know, no taxi driver could know the whole city!
- Mai I suppose. But you got back in the end?
- Danilo ⁷ _____ . After he stopped a couple of other people!
- Mai Right. So, transport's not good, then?
- Danilo No, it's not great, no. I mean, there's not much of a metro – at least there wasn't when I was there, so you have to take a bus or taxi and during the rush hour, *in fact,*
⁸ _____ , *it's really congested and the traffic sometimes crawls along really slowly.*
- Mai It must be quite polluted, then.
- Danilo Yeah, it is. The ferries are good, though. *There are lots that take you between the different sides of the city. It's nice for tourists.*⁹ _____ .
- Mai Yeah, sounds good. It wasn't a dull trip!
- Danilo No. OK, your turn.
- Mai *Have you ever been to Switzerland?*
- Danilo Yeah, I have. What did you think of it?
- Mai I liked it.¹⁰ _____ !
- Danilo Yeah, it's a bit different to Istanbul! Where did you go?
- Mai This little place called Solothurn.
- Danilo *OK. I haven't been there. What's it like?*