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**ANSWER KEY**

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**Unit 1****A**

- 1 Suggested answers:  
It's fascinating – full of history; it has a very vibrant nightlife – there's stuff going on 24–7; it's sprawling – it goes on for miles and miles; it's quite chaotic – there are new buildings springing up all over the place; it's really congested – especially during rush hour; cars just crawl along really slowly; it's quite polluted; the public transport is pretty poor – there's a very limited metro, but good ferries!
- 2 They wanted to get back to where they were staying on the outskirts of town and so took a taxi. The taxi got lost and had to stop a van driver to ask for directions. To get the van to stop, the taxi driver cut in front and forced it to stop! He then had to stop a couple of other people for further directions as well – and didn't even ask for extra money!

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- 1 there's stuff going on
- 2 for miles and miles
- 3 It must've taken
- 4 not a sign of anyone
- 5 cut in front of the van
- 6 we'd agreed a price
- 7 Yeah, eventually
- 8 even outside of the rush hour
- 9 I really recommend it
- 10 It's spotless

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**VIDEO SCRIPT**

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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, there's stuff going on 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 for miles and miles. 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. It must've taken 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, not a sign of anyone and he was obviously completely lost, and then suddenly we saw this van ahead and our driver raced ahead and kind of just cut in front of the van 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, we'd agreed a price 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 Yeah, eventually. 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, even outside of the rush hour, 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. I really recommend it.

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. It's spotless!

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?