

## 01 CITIES

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### WATCH

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**A Watch the video. Answer these questions.**

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

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- 2 What happened when Danilo took a taxi?

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**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.**

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### PRACTISE PRONUNCIATION

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**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.**

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### KARAOKE

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

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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,* <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ *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*  
<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. 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.  
<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ *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,  
<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and he was obviously completely lost, and then suddenly we saw this van ahead and our driver raced ahead and kind of just  
<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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,  
<sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. 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,*  
<sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, *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.* <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.
- 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. <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ !
- 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?*