**Audioscripts**

**A: Listen a second time and find the phrases form exercise 8b in your coursebook, page 78 in these audioscripts.**

**1.** The traffic is one thing that drives my crazy! People always say how great it is that you don’t need a car in NYC but you still end up sitting in traffic a lot of the time, whether you’re in a cab or on a bus. At least there’s the subway – you won’t get held up there.

**2.** For me it’s the expense. Everything comes at a price. If you’re just visiting the city you’ll find a bunch of things you can do for free – like going to parks such as Central Park or Battery Park … Living here can get pretty expensive, though. You’d be shocked if I told you how much I pay for my apartment – it’s a lot of money!

**3.** I find the pace of life pretty hectic. Honestly, it’s too hectic for me. It’s loud and there are simply too many people here! I’m not from the city, I just moved here to start my career. I find after long hours in the office, I long for some peace and quiet, I don’t actually want to be surrounded by people… But in NYC people work hard and play hard, so I find myself accepting one social invitation after the next – dinner with colleagues two or three times a week, parties on the weekend… which I guess is kinda nice in a way…

**4.** I hate the garbage! Sure, the street cleaners do their best, but with so many people in a comparatively small space, it’s natural that there’s quite a lot of garbage. I wish people would put their sandwich wrappers and coffee cups in the trash, and not leave them on the sidewalk or in the parks… It looks really unsightly and of course, garbage also attracts rats. We had a major problem with rats in our old apartment even though we kept the place really clean. And if there’s one thing I really hate, it’s rats!

**5.** I worry about safety. New York City is actually one of the top ten safest large cities in the United States but somehow that still doesn’t stop me worrying. Unfortunately, pickpockets often work in teams and people who are watching street musicians or something are an easy target. Also, there are certain areas of the city where I don’t like to be on my own after dark, although they’re said to be pretty safe. I have to say the terrorist attacks also made me a kind of nervous about safety and security in the city. But I guess I’d worry in any big city, and I do love everything else about this amazing place.