

Unit 1: In the City

Vocabulary

1. Nomadic

- (adj) wandering
ex: *a nomadic existence*

2. Reserved

- (adj)(of a person's character) slow to show feelings or express opinions

3. Pasture

- (idiom) *a better situation "greener pasture"* ex: *He seeks for a greener pasture.*

4. Hectic

- (adj) very busy
ex: *Today is hectic.*

5. Rely on

- (v)(to do something)
count or depend on ex: *Nowadays, we rely on computers for help.*

6. Civilized

- (adj) refined, polite ex: *a civilized society, behavior*

7. Harsh

- (adj)(to sb/sth)1) unpleasantly rough or sharp
ex: *a harsh texture, voice*

8. Recommend

- (v) 1) speak favorably of somebody or something ex: *I strongly recommend her for the job.*

9. Adjust

- adapt ex: *He adjusts to the new place.*

10. Fraction

- (n) a small part, bit, amount or proportion (of something) ex: *The car stopped within a fraction of an inch of the wall.*

Situational Dialogues



“New Place”

Nan’s family is moving to Bangkok. Nan is sad because she has to move to another school. Her best friend, Boon visits her.

Nan: I still have a lot of things to pack. It’s been a **hectic** day. Thanks for helping me.

Boon: No problem, I’m glad to help. I hope you can adjust yourself in your new place. I know how **reserved** you are.

Nan: Don’t worry. It may take some time, but I know I will. I have to.

Boon: **How do you get to school when you go to Bangkok?**

Nan: I don’t know, yet. Maybe, I will just go by BTS.

Boon: **Are you used to going to school by BTS?** We just walk to school here.

Nan: Well, if I do it every day, I may get used to it.

Boon: Good luck on your new place. I will miss you.

Nan: Thanks, I will miss you, too. If you go to Bangkok, you know you can **rely on** me to pick you up at the bus station, just call me.

Questions:

- a. Where is Nan going?
- b. Who visited her?
- c. Who said “Good luck on your new place”?

“Greener Pasture”

Prem is an accountant at a company in Loei province. His boss, Mr. Pongsai, has plans of moving him to their branch in Bangkok. He called Prem in his office to talk about it.

Mr. Pongsai: **How do you feel if you live in Bangkok, Prem?**

Prem: I will feel challenged, sir.

Mr. Pongsai: **Are you used to living in a crowded city?**

Prem: No, I'm not, but I can **adjust** to it, sir.

Mr. Pongsai: I'm glad to hear that. Our new branch in Bangkok is going to open soon. I recommended you to Mr. Chuchart because you are one of the best employees we have.

Prem: I won't disappoint you. I'll do my best, you can **rely on** that, sir.

Mr. Pongsai: This is your chance for a greener **pasture**. I believe you can adjust.

Prem: Thank you, sir.

Questions:

- Why did Mr. Pongsai choose Prem for the job?
- If you are Prem, how would you feel if you live in another city?
- Are you used to living in a crowded city? Why? Why not?



“A Nomad in the City”

Satang is a blogger. He writes about the nomadic way of life of some tourists in Bangkok. He is in a restaurant with Sara, an American girl who was introduced by his friend, Fern.

Satang: I just want to ask you a few questions, Sara.

Sara: Can you move a **fraction** closer? I can't hear you well. (Satang moved)

Sara: That's better, I'm ready.

Satang: What was your first impression when you came here?

Sara: I noticed that the people here are more “**civilized**”. Don't get me wrong, it's just that people here are more polite than in other places I've been to.

Satang: Why do you say that?

Sara: I said that because in other places, they sometimes tend to be **harsh**.

Satang: **Are you used to going to the market by taxi?**

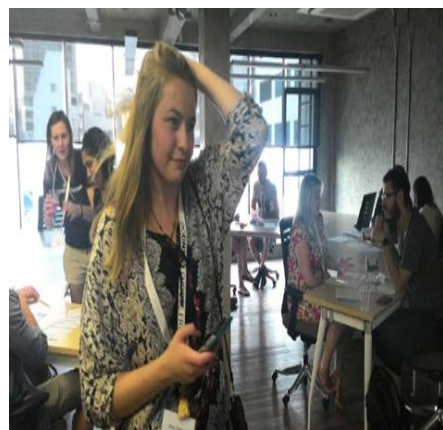
Sara: At first, I used to go to the market by taxi because I'm not familiar with some places, yet. But now that I'm more familiar with the places, I just walk.

Satang: Being **nomadic** like you, I'm not surprised.

Sara: I'll take that as a compliment.

Questions:

- Who is nomadic?
- What does *harsh* mean?
- What does Satang do?



EXERCISES

EXERCISE 1

DIRECTIONS: Using the words given, make a paragraph consisting of 2 -3 sentences.

1. rely on / adjust / harsh / hectic

2. civilized / fraction / pasture / reserved

3. recommend / nomadic / pasture / hectic

EXERCISE 2

DIRECTIONS: You are about to move to another city. Mind- map things related to moving in to a new place and make your own di Practice with a partner.