

How do you feel about living in the “Big Apple”?

Souligne **en rouge les inconvénients (drawbacks)** et **en bleu les avantages (advantages)** de vivre à New York



Robert De Niro

Actor

“With all its chaos, craziness, and problems, New York is a great place to live. I can’t see myself living anywhere else. New York is more romantic than even Paris or London.”



Jane Winston

Unemployed

“Sometimes I wonder what happened to the land of freedom and equality where each person had the chance to make it. Life’s fine if you’re from the Upper East Side but come to Harlem, it’s like we’re in a ghetto, with no way out. We certainly don’t have the same quality of life as those next to Central Park, for instance, but we have to pay taxes just the same.”



Alex Martinez

Cab driver

“Some areas of the South Bronx are pretty bad, but it’s mostly OK. There are a lot of stressed-out people in New York, I sometimes get strange people in my taxi. Most New Yorkers have a ‘live and let-live attitude’.”



Chris Mellish

Teacher

“I hate New York. This is a hellish place. I wouldn’t advise anyone to settle in this part of the US. There is too much violence. There are too many people. I can’t bear this pollution...Living in such a place is unbearable!”



Paul Auster

Photographer

“New York is a ridiculous place. Life is chaotic and stressful, like a little emergency going on all the time. It’s no longer what it could be if we had preserved any element of rural diversity. If we had anything else but these suburbs, it would be a totally different story.”



Vicky Roberts

Web designer

Living in Greenwich village is wonderful. There are people from all around the world. You get such energy from all the different people and their cultures. It attracts lots of artistic people. New Yorkers are always on the run, but very willing to help strangers.



Peter Beard

Writer

It’s a beautiful city that doesn’t feel like any other. You have this love-hate relationship with the place. For years, I couldn’t decide whether I wanted to stay in New York or leave.

Mary Johnson

Storekeeper



Well, to be honest, I have some mixed feelings about this place. It goes without saying that it is a lively place which is bustling with activity. The buildings are so impressive! Yet, I can’t help feeling oppressed whenever I walk the streets of New York. Moreover, there is too much noise and it’s definitely not a safe place in some areas. Last but not least its architecture is too modern for me.

VOCABULARY

- **Find the equivalents of the following words or expressions :**

- I ask myself (2) =
- To succeed (2) =
- It's as if we were (2) =
- For example (2) =
- They are always in a hurry ... (6) =
- I couldn't decide if ... =
- A secure place (8) =

- **Find the English equivalents of the following expressions :**

- Je ne me vois pas vivre ailleurs ! =
- Je me demande ce qui est arrivé ... =
- Nous devons tout de même payer des impôts ! =
.....
- Je conseillerais à personne de s'installer ici =
-
.....
- C'est insupportable ! =
- Ils aident volontiers les étrangers =
- Il va sans dire que ... =
- Je ne peux pas m'empêcher de =
- Ce n'est certainement pas un endroit sûr ! =
- Enfin et surtout ... =

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LIVING IN NEW YORK CITY – ADVANTAGES AND DRAWBACKS

Read what the people say about New York City. Write and classify the information into this chart.

Drawbacks (-)	Advantages (+)