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Lonely in London

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Tejali

नमस्कार मित्रांनो, hello and welcome to English Together. या भागात आपण चर्चा करतो निरनिराळे विषय आणि त्यासंबंधीत शब्दांची. मी तेजाली आणि माझ्या बरोबर आहे...

Sam

Hi, I'm Sam.

Phil

And I'm Phil. Welcome!

Tejali

आज मी तुम्हाला लंडनमधल्या एकाकी लोकांबद्दल सांगणार आहे. पण त्या आधी नेहेमीप्रमाणेच एक प्रश्न. जगातलं सर्वात मोठं शहर कुठलं?

- A) लेगोस (नायजेरिया)
- B) लंडन (यू.के.)
- C) दिल्ली (भारत)

Phil

Well, I live in London, and it's definitely big – but I haven't been to Delhi, or Lagos... and I'd love to, they look like really interesting places. But, I don't know. Uhm, what do you think, Sam?

Sam

Well, I've been to Delhi and I think it's great, but I don't know which is bigger.

Tejali

ठीक आहे, बघूया आपण. कळेलच आपल्याला लवकर. पण कसं असतं या मोठमोठ्या शहरांत राहणं? काय असतात या लोकांच्या अडचणी? चला हे ऐकू या.

News Insert

More than a quarter of Londoners say they feel lonely often or all of the time, according to a survey

commissioned by BBC London. Research company Populus interviewed 1,000 adults in London for the poll. And while the majority said they had someone in London who could help them in a crisis, a third said they felt they did not know their neighbours and 28% said there was little or no sense of community where they live.

Tejali

तर ही कहाणी आहे या शहरांची. आणि तसं बघायला गेलं तर लंडनमध्ये लोकांना जास्त एकटं वाटतं. Hmm... पण तुम्हाला...पटतंय का हे?

Sam

I live in London, and that just means I'm always busy! I think I'd prefer to live somewhere where people have time for each other.

Phil

But living in a big city means you meet so many people, it's so vibrant.

Tejali

Hmm...इथलं आयुष्य खूपच 'vibrant' असतं, चैतन्य असतं त्यात. So you like the fact that lots of things are happening?

Phil

Yeah, whatever you like doing, you can do it here. The place is just full of opportunities, you know what I mean?

Tejali

I know exactly what you mean – केवढ्या 'opportunities' केवढ्या संधी असतात इथे! Do you manage to take advantage of those opportunities?

Phil

Yeah, sort of, I've done lots of things. And I've met lots of people.

Tejali

Yes, big cities provide lots of opportunities. So, Sam you must agree with that, right?

Sam

Uhm, let's look at this a different way... Phil, how often exactly do you do those things? And these new people... do you see any of them a second time?

Phil

Oh, all the time... and I meet up with loads of people.

Sam

No, but really... how often...?

Phil

Let me see... erm... well.... You know.... I go to some kind of event at least every couple of months, and there's a couple of people I've met more than once.

Tejali

That's not really 'all the time'... is it?

Sam

Well, you see – that's the thing, cities are vibrant and full of opportunities... but most people don't take those opportunities – and it's hard to get to know people well when the population is transient.

Phil

Transient?

Tejali

अरे 'transient' means lasting only a short time म्हणजे क्षणभंगुर, तात्पुरतं

Phil

So, it means people are always moving in or out of a city?

Sam

Or moving around the city – groups of friends can end up being very dispersed.

Tejali

Yes, 'dispersed' म्हणजे विखुरलेले. मित्र आपले शहरभर पसरलेले असले तर साहजिकच भेटण्यावर मर्यादा येतात.

Sam

Yes, and that's why people get lonely in cities like London, Lagos or Delhi. People's friends are dispersed over a wide area.

Tejali

अरे, त्यावरून मला आठवण झाली, आपला आजचा प्रश्न सर्वात मोठं शहर कुठलं? काय बरं ऑप्शन दिलेले मी? आठवतात? बरं तर उत्तर आहे - दिल्ली. सर्वात मोठं शहर आहे दिल्ली, त्यानंतर लेगोस आणि नंतर लंडन. लंडन यातलं सगळ्यांत लहान शहर आहे.

Phil

Oh, wow, I didn't know that. So, Delhi's bigger than London? Imagine all the opportunities I could have there.

Sam

Well, maybe we can see if we can get you a transfer, Phil.

Tejali

Phil is very excited about all the opportunities he could have! पण तुम्हाला वाटतं का तुम्ही राहता तिथे opportunities आहेत? तुमचे मित्र जवळपास राहतात की 'dispersed' आहेत? लोक 'transient' असतात की बरेच दिवस टिकते मैत्री? बरंच बोलता येईल यावर. पण एपिसोड संपायची वेळ आलीये त्यामुळे आजचे शब्द बघू या. 'Vibrant' म्हणजे चैतन्यदायी 'opportunities', म्हणजे संधी, 'transient', म्हणजे क्षणभंगुर 'dispersed' म्हणजे विखुरलेले.

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