

Unit Quiz 9A

- Diana: Hi there. You've been gone a long time. I thought you'd be back an hour ago. Was the train delayed again?
- William: Yes, it was, and what a nightmare of a journey. You know, the usual. We all got on the train at the station but didn't move. Then they started to make an announcement. You know, the kind nobody can understand.
- Diana: The kind that sounds like somebody's shouting, but you can't understand a word?
- William: Correct. And you're supposed to understand every word, of course. Well, finally we had to get off that train and wait for another one. The platform was so crowded. Then eventually a new train came in, which was packed.
- Diana: Oh, no. You mean you couldn't get a seat?
- William: Nope. 40 minutes standing next to some guy shouting into his cell phone non-stop. So I had 40 minutes of listening to him discussing what he was going to do this weekend. As if I cared!
- Diana: I don't think people should be allowed to use cell phones on the subway. In fact, I think they should be banned.
- William: Banned! That's a bit strong! They are annoying, but most people just use them for social media. Do you know what I'd ban if I could? I'd ban bikers from riding on the sidewalk.
- Diana: Ah, yes. But does that really bother you?
- William: Yes, it does! As a pedestrian I have to follow rules, so why shouldn't they? I mean if pedestrians are required to cross at crosswalks, then shouldn't there be rules for bikers, too?
- Diana: Yes, you have a point. Anyway you're back now, so relax and let's think about what we're going to do this weekend. Do you want to go out to eat tonight?