

8 Here are some complaints from choirs around the world. Complete the sentences with the correct phrase from the box.

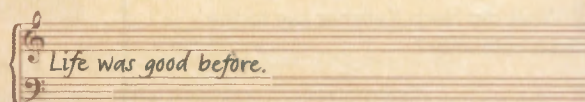
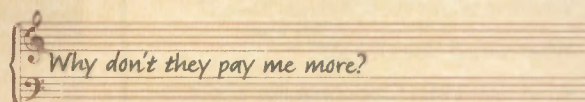
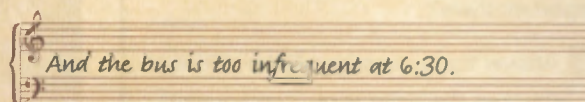
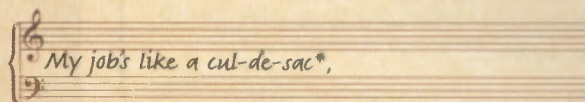
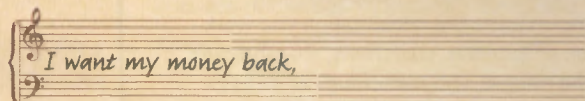
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- 1 There _____ bills to pay. (Malax, Finland)
- 2 Meetings _____ long and boring. (Bodø, Norway)
- 3 There _____ glass on the cycle path. (Rotterdam, The Netherlands)
- 4 Public transport _____ expensive. (Budapest, Hungary)
- 5 There _____ commercials on TV. (Wrocław, Poland)
- 6 Television commercials _____ long. (Singapore)
- 7 There _____ mosquitoes. (St Petersburg, Russia)
- 8 Tax forms _____ complicated and there _____ bureaucracy. (Hamburg, Germany)

9 Add the word *enough* to complete these complaints. Rewrite the sentences. Make sure you put *enough* in the correct position in each sentence.

- 1 McDonald's doesn't give you ketchup. (Jerusalem, Israel)
- 2 My vacuum cleaner lead isn't long. (Helsinki, Finland)
- 3 There isn't space on the C drive. (Wrocław, Poland)
- 4 I don't get paid. (Helsinki, Finland)
- 5 There aren't winning tickets in the lottery. (Bodø, Norway)
- 6 Our breaks aren't long. (children at Polikkilaaso school, Finland)

Speaking: Making complaints



cul-de-sac: a road that's closed at one end so it goes nowhere

10 **1.43** Listen to part of the Birmingham complaints choir song. Work in pairs or groups. Write the words for a similar song with complaints about your city or life. Use these structures.

I want ...
My job's ...
And the buses/trains/taxis ...
Why don't they ...?
... was good before.
And I'm ...

11 Now write some more complaints. You can use these structures or others that you know.

There 's too much ...
There are too many ...
There aren't/isn't enough ...
The ... isn't/aren't ... enough.

12 Practise reading your complaints together. Then read them to the class. Which pair/group had the best ones?