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I was talking to my new friend Nicole about the differences between New York City and Los Angeles. Nicole just **relocated** from New York, where she lived **all her life**, and I'm a **native** of L.A.

Dan: So, is L.A. **all it's cracked up to be**?

Nicole: Well, the **stereotype** in the movies is that L.A. is a **frivolous** town with a lot of **flaky** people. I guess, **in the back of my mind**, that's what I expected.

Dan: And, is it what you found?

Nicole: Well, it is and it's not. The city of L.A. is much bigger and more **diverse** than I had expected. There are people here from all over the country and all over world, like New York. I've heard people say that in L.A., everyone is from somewhere else. That's **partly** true. So, I've met **all kinds** of people here. What I'm realizing is that the **picture** of L.A. that's in movies only **represents** a small **segment** of the city.

Dan: You're right. Life isn't always like the movies.