

*Student Worksheet G:*

## Evaluating How Easy It Is To Walk on New York City Sidewalks

The following are the variables that New York City officials use to rate how comfortable it is to walk on New York City streets. Use the variables then rate each of your three (3) assigned streets based on these variables. A chart for recording your ratings is on the flip side.

### Rating Pedestrian Comfort

#### Comfort Levels for Walking

#### Description of Walking Conditions

Level A:	130 square feet of space. Allows for normal walking around each pedestrian.
Level B:	40 square feet of space. Allows for a normal pace but around each pedestrian; people may have to respond to others.
Level C:	24 square feet of space. Allows for normal pace but around each pedestrian there are minor conflicts with crossovers.
Level D:	15 square feet of space. Must walk at the pace of the group around each pedestrian and make frequent stops and starts
Level E:	$\geq 6$ square feet of space. Frequent changes and not enough room around each pedestrian for passing
Level F:	$\leq 6$ square feet of space. Frequent unavoidable contact between pedestrians; more like queuing

(Adapted from **The Works Anatomy of a City** by Kate Ascher)

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<u>Street Location</u>	<u>Description of Pedestrian Traffic</u>	<u>Comfort Level</u>	<u>Comments</u>
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