

UNIT 2

LIFE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

VI. Complete the dialogue with the comparative form of the adjectives in brackets.

- David: How do you like living in the big city?
- Maria: There are many things that are (1) _____ (good) than living in the country!
- David: Can you give me some examples?
- Maria: Well, it certainly is (2) _____ (interesting) than the country: There is so much more to do and see!
- David: Yes, but the city is (3) _____ (dangerous) than the country.
- Maria: That's true. People in the countryside are (4) _____ (friendly) than those in the city.
- David: I'm sure that the country is (5) _____ (relaxed), too!
- Maria: Yes, the city is (6) _____ (busy) than the country. However, the country is much (7) _____ (slow) than the city.
- David: I think that's a good thing!
- Maria: The country is so slow and boring! It's much (8) _____ (boring) than the city.
- David: Life in the country is a lot (9) _____ (healthy) than in the city, I think.
- Maria: Sure, it's (10) _____ (clean) too. But, the city is so much (11) _____ (exciting).

VII. Complete the sentences with the comparative form of adverbs in the box. Add 'than' where necessary.

carefully hard quietly slowly healthily well badly quickly far fast

1. The teacher spoke _____ to help us to understand.
2. She answered all the questions _____ the other students and she got a very good mark.
3. The Spanish athlete ran _____ the other runners, so he won the race.
4. Jim threw the ball _____ Peter.
5. This street is crowded and narrow. Couldn't you drive a bit _____?
6. These days we are eating _____ ever before.
7. I did _____ on the test than Mark did. He got an A+ and I just got an A.
8. Machines can help farmers harvest _____.
9. Does more money make you work _____?
10. You're talking so loudly. Could you speak a bit _____, please?

VIII. Underline the correct words or phrases.

1. Cattle usually cross over the road. You should drive *more careful* / *more carefully*.
2. Life in some parts of the country is *boring* / *more boring* than that in other parts.
3. The old usually get up *earlier* / *more early* than the young.
4. An ox doesn't plough *weller* / *better* than a buffalo.
5. These 7 thinking habits will help you become *more confident* / *more confidently*.
6. Don't worry. The river is not as *deep* / *deeper* as it looks.
7. After a hard working day, you may sleep *soundlier* / *more soundly* than usual.
8. My father has been much *healthier* / *more healthy* since he stopped smoking.
9. The air in the mountainous zones is *more fresh* / *fresher* than that in the cities.
10. I can't understand. Would you ask him to speak *clearlier* / *more clearly*?

IX. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

1. Some people think that health is _____ than money. (important)
2. The pollution in our city is much _____ than it used to be. (bad)
3. My new teacher explained the lessons _____ than my old teacher. (clear)
4. He doesn't play volleyball as _____ as his brother. (good)
5. Get rid of the sorrow! You will do it _____ next time. (good)
6. Communication is a lot _____ than it was 50 years ago. (easy)
7. People in rural areas wear _____ than those in cities. (simple)
8. Robert arrived at the meeting _____ than Francis. (late)
9. These trousers are too wide. Do you have any that are _____? (narrow)
10. My mother always gets up _____ than everybody else in the house. (early)
11. Rene speaks _____ than the other ESL students in the class. (fluent)
12. Can't you think of anything _____ to say? (intelligent)
13. I think his new book is much _____ than his last one. (boring)
14. Max finished the homework _____ than anyone else in the class. (fast)
15. He doesn't look as _____ as he used to. (happy)