

BRITISH COUNTRYSIDE

Besides its beauty, the countryside of Britain is well known for many contrasts: its bare mountains and moorland, its lakes, rivers and woods, and its long, often wild coastline. National parks which are protected from development by the government have the most beautiful and picturesque scenery. British people often associate the countryside with farmland, open spaces like fields of wheat and barley, green fields enclosed by hedges or stone walls in which cows or sheep are raised. Most farmland is now owned by individual people or independent companies. However, the government has built a network of public footpaths across the farmland.

Many British people enjoy the peace and relaxation of life in the countryside where they can spend their free time walking, cycling, or going for a picnic or a pub lunch. In summer they can pick strawberries and other fruit in fruit farms. Nowadays, few rural people work on farms. Many of them commute to work in towns. Many others wish to live in the countryside so that they would have a better and healthier lifestyle.

1. The countryside of Britain is NOT famous for its -----.

- A. farmland
- B. moorland
- C. bare mountains

2. Individual people or independent companies own -----.

- A. some of the farmland in Britain
- B. most farmland in Britain
- C. footpaths across the farmland