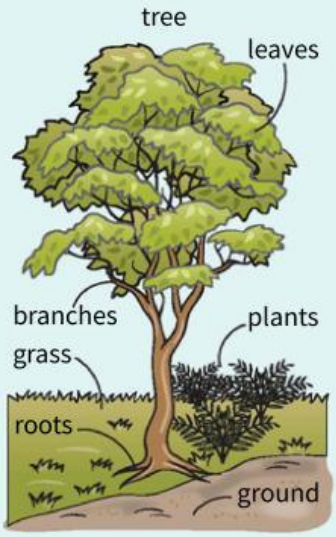
27 Life in the country

A Surrounded by nature

"I grew up in the **countryside** where I was **surrounded by**[1] nature. As children, we used to play on the **banks**[2] of the river and in the **woods**[3]. In the summer we **picked**[4] apples and blackberries; in the autumn we often picked mushrooms. The **seasons**[5] were all different, and I loved the **scenery**[6], the **open spaces**[7], and the **fresh air**[8]. I still do."

[1] nature was everywhere around me
[2] the side of the river
[3] groups of trees
[4] took them from the tree/plant
[5] spring, summer, autumn, winter
[6] the natural beauty you see around you
[7] empty areas of land
[8] naturally clean air



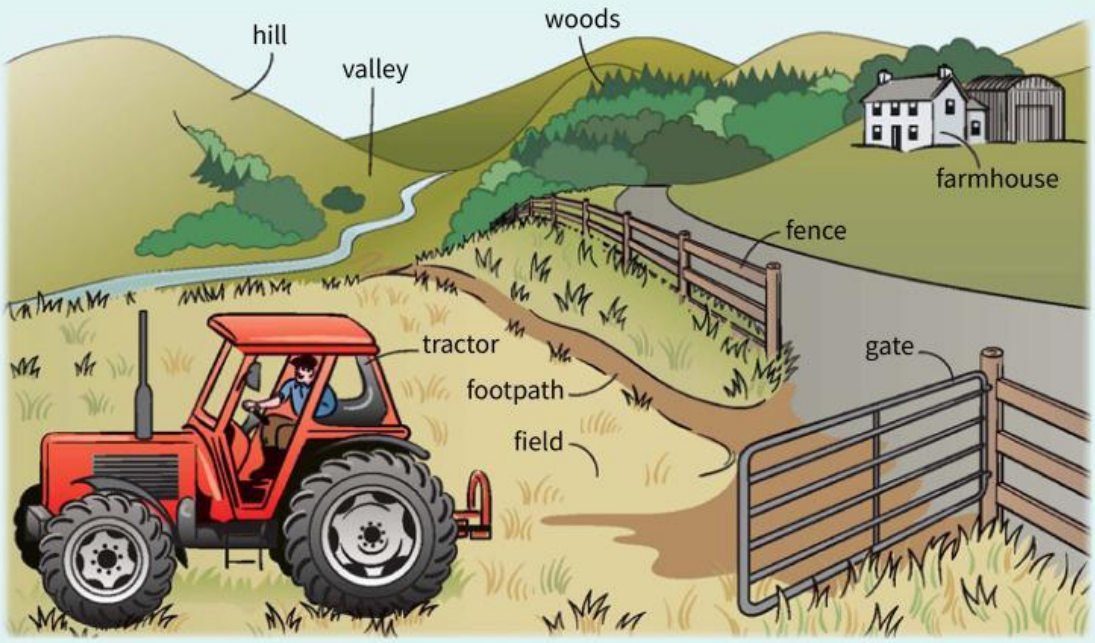
Common mistakes

I like being **in the countryside**. OR I like being **surrounded by nature**. (NOT I like being ~~in the nature~~.)

B Working in the country

"My uncle **owns**[1] a farm. He **keeps**[2] a few animals, but mostly he grows **crops** like barley, wheat and potatoes. **Farming** is a hard life: my uncle is usually **up**[3] at five in the morning, and sometimes his work isn't finished until **sunset**[4]."

[1] has (something that legally belongs to him)
[2] owns and looks after them
[3] not in bed
[4] when the sun goes down in the evening



C The disadvantages of country life

"**The worst thing about** living in a **village**[1] is that **there isn't much to do** in the evening, apart from going to the village pub. The nearest town is eight miles **away**[2], and **public transport**[3] is **hopeless**[4]. And, of course, **you don't get**[5] many shops in a village."

[1] a place smaller than a town
[2] a distance from a place
[3] buses and trains for people to use
[4] terrible
[5] there aren't / you don't find

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Exercises

27.1 **These things all grow, but what are they? Put the letters in the right order.**

1 seret *trees*
2 sargs .....
3 velase .....
4 odows .....
5 tnpsal .....
6 toros .....
7 chesranb .....
8 roscp .....

27.2 **Complete the dialogues.**

1 A: It must be beautiful when the sun goes down over the valley.
B: It is. The *sunsets* are lovely here.

2 A: Have you ever lived in a town?
B: No, I've always lived in the ..... .

3 A: Is Dad ..... yet?
B: He must be. He's not in bed.

4 A: Is it your dad's farm?
B: No, he doesn't ..... it. He's just the farm manager.

5 A: Do you enjoy the summer?
B: Yes, but spring is my favourite ..... .

6 A: Did it rain a lot last night?
B: Yes. When I went outside this morning, the ..... was very wet.

7 A: Do they ..... many animals?
B: Yes, they've got sheep, cows and goats.

27.3 **Look at the picture in section B again, then cover it and complete the text.**

We walked alongside the [1] *fence*, opened the [2] ....., and said 'hello' to the man on the [3] ..... . We then followed the [4] ..... across the [5] ..... and down into the [6] ..... . We stopped and had a picnic by the river. After that, we walked up through the [7] ..... and then finally back to the [8] ....., where we stopped and bought some eggs.

27.4 **Cover the left-hand page. Complete the advantages and disadvantages of living in the country.**

Some of the best things about living in the country are:
- the beautiful [1] *scenery*
- the open [2] .....
- the fresh [3] .....
- being able to go out and [4] ..... fruit
- the fact you are [5] ..... by nature.

Some of the [6] ..... things about living in the country are that:
- you don't [7] ..... many shops
- [8] ..... transport is [9] .....
- there isn't [10] ..... to do in the evening, and the nearest town might be a long way [11] ..... .

Over to you

What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of living in the countryside? Do you agree with the ideas above? Can you think of any other advantages and disadvantages? If possible, discuss your ideas with someone else.

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