

Town or country?

I can identify the main idea of a listening text.

- 1 **VOCABULARY** Divide the words below into 'town' and 'country'. Do some words belong to both groups?

Town and country crowd farm field hill lake
office block shopping centre street traffic valley
village wood

- 2 **SPEAKING** Describe the photos below. Which of the things in exercise 1 can you see?



- 3 Complete the texts with the comparative adjectives below.

cleaner easier friendlier quieter safer

THE ADVANTAGES OF LIVING IN THE COUNTRY

FACT FILE

- It's ¹ _____ because there is less crime.
- There isn't much traffic, so it's ² _____ and the air is ³ _____.
- People are ⁴ _____.
- It's ⁵ _____ to be active – to walk, and get out into the fresh air.

better bigger easier more exciting

THE ADVANTAGES OF LIVING IN THE CITY

FACT FILE

- It's ⁶ _____ to travel round because there are lots of buses and trams. You don't always need a car.
- There's more to do: cinemas, concerts, museums, theatre, etc. It's ⁷ _____.
- There are lots of restaurants. The food is ⁸ _____ and more interesting.
- There are lots of shops, and they are ⁹ _____ so there is more choice.

Listening Strategy

Sometimes it isn't necessary to understand all of the details when you listen, as long as you understand the main ideas. In these cases, focus on what you need to know and do not worry if you do not understand every word.

- 4 **2.32** Read the **Listening Strategy**. Then listen and choose the correct answers. Do not worry if you don't understand everything.

- What is the speaker talking about?
 - The best place to visit in London.
 - The arrangements for the morning.
 - What they need to take with them.
- Where are the man and woman going to eat?
 - On the train.
 - At the station.
 - At their house.
- Why does the tourist decide not to visit the castle?
 - The path isn't safe.
 - It's a long walk.
 - It's already getting late.
- The speaker's main aim is to
 - compare two different villages.
 - recommend a house that is for sale.
 - recommend a village to live in.

- 5 **2.33** Listen and match speakers (1–4) with sentences (A–E). There is one extra sentence. Remember not to worry if you don't understand every word the speakers say.

The speaker

- explains why he / she doesn't like life in the town. ____
- is encouraging people to come and live in the country. ____
- complains that there isn't much to do where he / she lives. ____
- is advertising a radio programme. ____
- would like to have a house in the city and one in the country too. ____

- 6 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions. Use the phrases to help you.

- What are the advantages of living in your town or village?
- What are the disadvantages?
- Would you like to live somewhere else? Why? / Why not?

An advantage of living in _____ is that there are ...

A disadvantage is that ...

It's good that you can ...

It isn't good that you can't ...

I'd like to move to _____ because ...

I'd like to stay where I live now because ...