

# Unit 2

## Life In The Countryside



### A. PHONETICS

**I** Find the word which has a different sound in the underlined part.

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|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. A. <u>u</u> nit      | B. <u>u</u> se      | C. <u>u</u> niversity | D. <u>u</u> nchanged |
| 2. A. <u>a</u> che      | B. <u>ch</u> arity  | C. <u>ch</u> arming   | D. <u>ch</u> angeful |
| 3. A. <u>w</u> hole     | B. <u>w</u> hereas  | C. <u>w</u> hose      | D. <u>w</u> hom      |
| 4. A. <u>s</u> laughter | B. <u>l</u> aughter | C. <u>n</u> aughty    | D. <u>t</u> aught    |
| 5. A. <u>s</u> ervice   | B. <u>o</u> ffice   | C. <u>d</u> evice     | D. <u>p</u> ractice  |

**II** Read aloud the following words. Pay attention to the clusters /b/ and /k/.

/b/	/k/
blended	closet
blue	clause
black	clap
block	clockwise
bleep	climb
blow	cleaner
blame	cyclone
blast	disclose

### B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR



**III** Choose the odd one out.

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|-----------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. A. duck      | B. cattle    | C. chicken     | D. goose        |
| 2. A. mountain  | B. grassland | C. paddy field | D. pasture      |
| 3. A. pick      | B. collect   | C. harvest     | D. plough       |
| 4. A. load rice | B. dry rice  | C. cook rice   | D. harvest rice |
| 5. A. peaceful  | B. nomadic   | C. crowded     | D. traditional  |

**IV Fill in the blank with a suitable word/ phrase.**

1. In Vietnam, the ..... occurs in September when autumn comes.
2. In the family, everyone has his own job. What the youngest child has to do every day is to .....
3. He loves living with his grandparents in the countryside because he can ..... with his friends every day.
4. You cannot find any ..... in the countryside.
5. .... is very hard because nomads often move from one place to another. However, it is also interesting.
6. The city children are very excited because it is the first time they have ..... in a garden.



**V Choose the best answer (A, B, c, or D).**

1. Harvesting the rice is much ..... than drying the rice.  
A. more harder      B. more hardly      C. hardlier      D. harder
2. In my opinion, country people are ..... than city people.  
A. more friendly      B. friendlier      C. more friendlier      D. both A & B.
3. A village is often ..... than a city.  
A. more densely populated      B. less densely populated  
C. more densely populating      D. less densely populating
4. My family is going to come back to the hometown to ..... a visit to our grandparents.  
A. make      B. pay      C. do      D. make
5. Last week was the harvest time. I was staying with my uncle and I helped him load the rice onto the .....  
A. buffalo – drawn cart      B. cart buffalo – drawn  
C. cart – drawn buffalo      D. cart – buffalo drawn
6. We often spend a lot of time talking with our ..... during Tet holiday.  
A. relation      B. relationship      C. relatives      D. relative

7. .... people in the countryside are not rich, they often have a peaceful and happy life.  
A. Because                      B. Although                      C. Despite                      D. When
8. Except for some minor changes, life in my hometown has generally remained at a slow .....  
A. speed                      B. rhythm                      C. pace                      D. both B & C
9. Which one do you prefer, life in the ..... area or life in a modern town?  
A. far                      B. further                      C. distance                      D. remote
10. I have stayed in a ..... area for two weeks. The transportation was very inconvenient and there was no entertainment center to relax.  
A. rural                      B. urban                      C. outskirts                      D. suburb

**VI Write the comparative forms of the adjectives/ adverbs in the brackets.**

1. The countryside is (crowded) ..... and (tranquil) ..... than cities.
2. I guess that ploughing machine can plough very much (fast) ..... than a buffalo.
3. Good healthcare service can be (easy) ..... found in rural areas than in cities.
4. Farmers often have to get up (early) ..... than city dwellers.
5. Houses in big cities are often (well-furnished) ..... than those in villages.

**VII Fill in the blank with the correct form of the given word.**

1. My parents want to live in the countryside when they get older because ..... peace  
of its ..... life.
2. In the countryside, the streets are not as crowded and ..... noise  
as in big cities.
3. Sometimes it is ..... for people to travel in rural areas ..... convenience  
because there are not many different means of transport.
4. I think that ..... life is very unstable because it is ..... nomad  
always on the move.
5. Life in big cities are more ..... than in the countryside. ..... stress

**VIII Find one mistake in each sentence and correct it.**

1. I prefer to come back to my hometown on the harvest time. .....  
A                      B                      C                      D
2. Last summer holiday, I had a very forgettable time with my cousin .....  
A                      B                      C  
because we had a lot of fun together.  
D
3. I think that people living in the countryside have to work hard than .....  
A                      B                      C  
people in cities.  
D
4. Sometimes city people talk much pessimistically than country people. ....  
A                      B                      C                      D



5. Some people like living in big cities because of its excited life with .....  
 A B C  
 a lot of entertainments and modern facilities.  
 D

## C. READING



### IX Read the passage. Decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

If you had your own apple orchard, it means you have a busy, year-around job. Apple growers schedule tasks all year long in order to have a good harvest in the fall and to get the apples to your grocery store while they are still fresh. Early in the spring, you will be out in the orchard fertilizing the trees and planting new trees. Maybe you are just replacing a few old trees that no longer produce many apples, or maybe you are adding rows of trees to enlarge your orchard or to try a new variety of apples. Soon the trees begin to show their pink and white blooms. Don't spend too much time admiring the flowers! You need to rent some bee hives to pollinate all of your trees. You don't want your trees to grow lots of tiny apples. You want to grow nice big ones, so after the blooms fade you start checking your trees to see if the buds need to be thinned. Maybe you will thin them by hand, or maybe you will use chemicals to do the job.

1. Apple growers always have things to do with their apple orchard. ....
2. Apples are harvested in the fall and brought to the stores after that season. ....
3. Apple growers use fertilizers for apples trees. ....
4. After each harvest season, all apple trees are replaced with new ones. ....
5. Thinning the buds will bring about big apple trees. ....

### X Read the passage.

Life is changing rapidly in the large cities of England. However, life in other areas remains much the (1) ..... as it has been for centuries. Factories have brought huge population increases to the cities, and city life boomed.



City residents have discovered a new (2) ..... of life, but in country villages the traditional lifestyle has remained nearly (3) ..... There have been a few changes, particularly the new steam-powered machinery. It made farm production more (4) ..... But for the people who remain in the countryside, daily life continues much as it had before the (5) ..... Revolution. Life in country villages continues to (6) ..... at a slow pace. The daily schedule depends on the times that the sun rose and set and on the weather. In a typical village, the (7) ..... number of workers is still employed in agriculture or in domestic service. A smaller number of people work in various trades. Even (8) ..... work in the professions.

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### Choose the most suitable word to fill in the blank

1. A. similar B. same C. different D. both A & B
2. A. method B. walk C. way D. path
3. A. changeful B. changeable C. unchanged D. change

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| 4. A. efficient | B. efficiently | C. efficiency    | D. inefficient     |
| 5. A. Industry  | B. Industrial  | C. Industrialize | D. Industrialized  |
| 6. A. run       | B. walk        | C. move          | D. drive           |
| 7. A. largest   | B. biggest     | C. highest       | D. all are correct |
| 8. A. more      | B. less        | C. few           | D. fewer           |

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**Fill in the blank with one word/ phrase from the passage**

1. The population in the city has increased because of .....
2. There has been hardly any changes in the ..... in rural areas.
3. Steam – powered machinery helps ..... a lot.
4. The daily schedule of people in the countryside depends on .....
5. Most countryside people in England work in agriculture or in .....