

Urban Cities and Suburban Neighborhoods



Let's Focus

What are some differences between urban and suburban areas?

Urban areas are what we know as cities.

New York City, London, and Seoul are examples. Urban areas have large **populations** of more than 50,000 people. Since there are so many people, there is not a lot of space. So buildings are taller and closer together. Most people live in **apartment** buildings. Urban areas have good public **transportation**. You can visit **museums** or theaters. There are also many companies for people to work at.

Outside of urban areas are **suburban** areas.

The populations of suburban areas are smaller than urban areas. Since there are fewer people, there is a lot more space. Many people live in houses with a yard, and they also own cars. In suburban areas, you can go for bike rides and visit parks and gardens. Suburban areas are a good place to live if you have a big family.

As you can see, urban and suburban areas are different. However, you should remember that urban and suburban areas are closely related. Many people work in an urban area and live in a suburban area. On weekdays, they work and entertain themselves in the city. Then they enjoy peaceful and quiet weekends at their houses in suburban areas.

Words 201



▲ houses in a suburban area



Reading Comprehension

A Choose the best answers.

1. What is the main idea of this passage?
 - a. Urban and suburban areas are different but closely related.
 - b. Urban areas are much better than suburban areas.
 - c. Urban and suburban areas are different and not related at all.
2. How are the buildings in urban areas?
 - a. old
 - b. short
 - c. tall
3. Which is NOT true about suburban areas?
 - a. They are good places to go for bike rides.
 - b. Many people live in apartment buildings.
 - c. Many people in these areas own cars.
4. Suburban areas are a good place if you _____.
 - a. have a small family
 - b. live alone
 - c. have a big family
5. There is good public transportation in urban areas. True False
6. Urban areas are good places to enjoy quiet weekends. True False

B Write the answers.

7. What is the population of an urban area?
An urban area has a population of more than _____.
8. How are suburban areas and urban areas connected?
Many people _____ in urban areas and _____ in suburban areas.

Graphic Organizer & Summary

Step 1 Write the correct information in each box.

	Urban Areas	Suburban Areas
Population		
Where to Live		
Where to Visit		
Advantage		

- apartment buildings
- parks and gardens
- small populations
- many places to work
- houses with yards
- museums and theaters
- large populations
- good places for big families to live

Step 2 Complete the summary with the words from the box.

peaceful urban transportation
space different populations

Cities are also called _____ areas. There are many people, but not much _____. However, there is good public _____ and interesting places like museums and theaters. Suburban areas have smaller _____ and more space. They are _____ places to live. You can live in a house, visit parks, and ride a bike. Urban and suburban areas are _____ but closely connected.