

## UNIT 2

## LIFE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

### B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

#### VI. Complete the dialogue with the comparative form of the adjectives in brackets.

David: How do you like living in the big city?

Maria: There are many things that are (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (good) than living in the country!

David: Can you give me some examples?

Maria: Well, it certainly is (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (interesting) than the country: There is so much more to do and see!

David: Yes, but the city is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (dangerous) than the country.

Maria: That's true. People in the countryside are (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (friendly) than those in the city.

David: I'm sure that the country is (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (relaxed), too!

Maria: Yes, the city is (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (busy) than the country. However, the country is much (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (slow) than the city.

David: I think that's a good thing!

Maria: The country is so slow and boring! It's much (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (boring) than the city.

David: Life in the country is a lot (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (healthy) than in the city, I think.

Maria: Sure, it's (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) too. But, the city is so much (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (exciting).

#### VII. Complete the sentences with the comparative form of adverbs in the box. Add 'than' where necessary.

carefully hard quietly slowly healthily well badly quickly far fast

1. The teacher spoke \_\_\_\_\_ to help us to understand.
2. She answered all the questions \_\_\_\_\_ the other students and she got a very good mark.
3. The Spanish athlete ran \_\_\_\_\_ the other runners, so he won the race.
4. Jim threw the ball \_\_\_\_\_ Peter.
5. This street is crowded and narrow. Couldn't you drive a bit \_\_\_\_\_?
6. These days we are eating \_\_\_\_\_ ever before.
7. I did \_\_\_\_\_ on the test than Mark did. He got an A+ and I just got an A.
8. Machines can help farmers harvest \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Does more money make you work \_\_\_\_\_?
10. You're talking so loudly. Could you speak a bit \_\_\_\_\_, please?

**VIII. Underline the correct words or phrases.**

1. Cattle usually cross over the road. You should drive *more careful* / *more carefully*.
2. Life in some parts of the country is *boring* / *more boring* than that in other parts.
3. The old usually get up *earlier* / *more early* than the young.
4. An ox doesn't plough *weller* / *better* than a buffalo.
5. These 7 thinking habits will help you become *more confident* / *more confidently*.
6. Don't worry. The river is not as *deep* / *deeper* as it looks.
7. After a hard working day, you may sleep *soundlier* / *more soundly* than usual.
8. My father has been much *healthier* / *more healthy* since he stopped smoking.
9. The air in the mountainous zones is *more fresh* / *fresher* than that in the cities.
10. I can't understand. Would you ask him to speak *clearlier* / *more clearly*?

**IX. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.**

1. Some people think that health is \_\_\_\_\_ than money. (important)
2. The pollution in our city is much \_\_\_\_\_ than it used to be. (bad)
3. My new teacher explained the lessons \_\_\_\_\_ than my old teacher. (clear)
4. He doesn't play volleyball as \_\_\_\_\_ as his brother. (good)
5. Get rid of the sorrow! You will do it \_\_\_\_\_ next time. (good)
6. Communication is a lot \_\_\_\_\_ than it was 50 years ago. (easy)
7. People in rural areas wear \_\_\_\_\_ than those in cities. (simple)
8. Robert arrived at the meeting \_\_\_\_\_ than Francis. (late)
9. These trousers are too wide. Do you have any that are \_\_\_\_\_? (narrow)
10. My mother always gets up \_\_\_\_\_ than everybody else in the house. (early)
11. Rene speaks \_\_\_\_\_ than the other ESL students in the class. (fluent)
12. Can't you think of anything \_\_\_\_\_ to say? (intelligent)
13. I think his new book is much \_\_\_\_\_ than his last one. (boring)
14. Max finished the homework \_\_\_\_\_ than anyone else in the class. (fast)
15. He doesn't look as \_\_\_\_\_ as he used to. (happy)