

UNIT 4: MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

Lesson: Skills 1

Exercise 1: Read the passage and answer the questions.

I live in a house near the sea. It is an old house, about 20 years old, and it is not very large. There are two bedrooms upstairs but no bathroom. The bathroom is downstairs next to the kitchen and there is a living room where there is a lovely old fireplace. There is a garden in front of the house. The garden goes down to the beach and in spring and summer there are flowers everywhere. I live alone with my dog, Boxer but we have many visitors. Many of my friends work in the city, so they often stay with me because they want to relax. I love my house for many reasons: the garden, the flowers in summer, the fire in the winter, but the best thing is the view from my bedroom window.

1. Where is the house?

2. How old is the house?

3. What is in the front of the house?

4. Why does the owner of the house have so many visitors?

5. Why does the owner like the house?

Exercise 2: Read the passage and decide which statement is True (T) or False (F).

I have a good friend. Her name is Nga. She's in class 6A. This is her routine. Every morning, Nga gets up at half past six. She washes her face, brushes her teeth and eats a big breakfast. Then she goes to school at seven o'clock. She has lessons from half past seven to half past eleven. At twelve o'clock, she has lunch. In the afternoon, she does the housework. Then she plays volleyball with her friends. In the evening, she does her homework. She goes to bed at ten o'clock.

Statement	True	False
1. Every morning, Nga gets up at six thirty.		
2. She has a quick and small breakfast.		
3. She goes to school at half past seven.		
4. She has lessons from half past seven to twelve o'clock.		
5. In the evening, she does her homework and goes to bed at ten.		

Exercise 3: Fill the gap with the suitable adjectives in the box.

exciting noisy quiet beautiful hot high green dry

I love going on holiday to places where the temperature is really (1) _____, and there is lots of (2) _____ scenery. It rains a lot where I live, so I prefer holidays with no rain and (3) _____ weather. Every year my family spends a week in the same place; there are lovely, (4) _____ forests and beautiful (5) _____ mountains. My brother doesn't like (6) _____ places. He wants somewhere more lively and

(7)_____. He always wants to go to the city which is quite (8)_____.

Exercise 4: Fill each blank with a word to finish the passage.

Living in the country is something that people from the city often dream about. However, in reality, it has (1)_____ its advantages and disadvantages.

There are certain (2)_____ advantages to living in the country. First of all, you can enjoy peace and quiet. Moreover, people tend to be friendlier and (3)_____ open. A further advantage is that there is less traffic, so it is safer (4)_____ young children.

On the other hand, there are certain drawbacks to life (5)_____ the city. Firstly, because there are fewer people, you are likely to (6)_____ fewer friends. In addition, entertainment is (7)_____ to find, particularly in the evening. Furthermore, the fact (8)_____ there are fewer shops and services means that it is harder to (9)_____ work. As a result, you may have to travel a long way to (10)_____, which can be extremely expensive.

Exercise 5: Read the passage and choose the correct answer for each question.

If you are the type of person who loves to meet many different people from different cultures and social status, then the city life is better for you. The city is where people from all different background and status come to work and live because everything is so centralized in the city. The city's population is also more concentrated, so you also have a higher chance of meeting people. In the country, the distance between other people is harder, so it is less convenient to meet other people. Hence, if you want a busy social life, the city is better.

If you have asthma or you are really sensitive to pollution, then the country lifestyle is best for you. In the country there is much less pollution because there are less cars, traffic and industrial plants in the country. There are also more trees, rivers and other natural scenery. If you want your kids to run around in open and safe environments, then the country is also much better.

1. You should live in the city if _____.

- A. you have asthma
- B. you have problems with breathing diseases
- C. you want to meet people from social status
- D. you want your children to run around in open environments

2. The country life is better for you if _____.

- A. you love to meet people from different cultures
- B. you want a busy social life
- C. you would like to work for international companies
- D. you are really sensitive to pollution

3. There is much less pollution in the country than in the city because _____.

- A. everything is so centralized in the city
- B. there are not as many cars in the country as in the city
- C. the distance between other people is harder
- D. there are much more trees in the city

4. The word “plants” in the passage means _____.

- A. factories
- B. trees
- C. buildings
- D. estaurants

5. Which of the following statements is NOT true?

- A. The population in the city is concentrated.
- B. You have higher opportunities of meeting people in the city.
- C. There is more traffic in the country than in the city.
- D. The environment in the country is safer than in the city.