

5.7 WRITING

I can write a paragraph about how people live in the countryside or in the city.

1 **Which of the following are the advantages of country and city life? Sort them into two columns.**

fresh air	cheaper cost of living	good health care	helpful neighbours
relaxed and healthy lifestyle	modern public transport	plenty of entertainment	peaceful and quiet life
more open spaces	more job opportunities	easy access to services	

Country life	City life

2 **Read the text. Which of the ideas below are mentioned in the text? Put a tick (✔).**

BLOG



I live in a small coastal town in Mexico. This town is excellent for families who want a peaceful lifestyle in a safe environment. The crime rate is 26% lower than in other places in Mexico. My town has less traffic and hustle and bustle than the larger Mexican cities. Mexican towns are known for their history and culture and so is my town. For example, the Day of the Dead and Guelaguetza Festival are colourful and lively festivals in our town. The cost of living in coastal towns is low and my town is not an exception. Our family can live here for less than $1,000 a month.

- ☐ cost of living
- ☐ crime rate
- ☐ festivals / culture
- ☐ lifestyle
- ☐ people
- ☐ quality of air
- ☐ safety
- ☐ traffic

Word Friends

safe environment	peaceful lifestyle
hustle and bustle	lively festivals

3 **Study the Writing box. Underline the four example sentences given in the text above.**

Writing — Writing supporting ideas by giving an example

Make your ideas easier to understand and more convincing by adding examples. Examples can be numbers, names of places, people, things, events, etc.

Expressions to introduce examples:
For example, ...
..., such as ...
... are two examples (of ...)

4 **Which of the following examples best supports the idea given? Circle the better option.**

1 The cost of living in Cebu, Philippines is low for families.
   a Rent is cheap in most parts of Cebu.
   b A family of four can live for $2,000 a month.
2 You can access many healthcare services in Bangkok.
   a There are many good private hospitals and inexpensive government hospitals in Bangkok.
   b Bangkok has a famous hospital, and it also has many nurses.
3 The air quality in this town is high.
   a The city is surrounded by distant mountains which offer fresh air.
   b It rains a lot during the monsoon season but gets hot in March to May.
4 The pace of living in this city is much faster than other parts of the country.
   a People are always in a hurry and don't stop to talk much.
   b People often enjoy festivals together.

5 **WRITING TIME** **Write a paragraph (80–100 words) describing life in your area. Include at least one example for each idea.**

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GLOSSARY Sports | Sporting events | Phrasal verbs with *up*

adj: adjecttive adv: adverb n: nounnp: noun phrase v: verb vp: verb phrase pp: preposition phrase

compete with	/kəm'pi:t wɪð/	vp	cạnh tranh với
cost of living	/kɒst əv 'lɪvɪŋ/	np	chi phí sinh hoạt
dry the rice	/draɪ ðə raɪs/	vp	phơi thóc
feed the animals	/fi:d ðə 'ænəməlz/	vp	cho động vật ăn
harvest time	/'ha:vɪst taɪm/	np	mùa thu hoạch
hectic	/'hektɪk/	adj	tất bật
herd buffalos	/hɜ:d 'bʌfələʊz/	vp	chăn trâu
hustle and bustle	/'hʌsəl ənd 'bʌsəl/	phrase	hối hả và nhộn nhịp
lively festivals	/'laɪvli 'festəvəlz/	np	lễ hội sôi động
look for	/lʊk fɔ:/	vp	tìm kiếm
look forward to	/lʊk 'fɔ:wəd tu:/	vp	mong đợi
milk the cows	/mɪlk ðə kaʊz/	vp	vắt sữa bò
pace of life	/peɪs əv laɪf/	np	nhịp sống
paddy field	/'pædi fi:ld/	np	đồng lúa
peaceful lifestyle	/'pi:sfəl 'laɪfstaɪl/	np	lối sống yên bình
play hide and seek	/pleɪ haɪd ənd si:k/	vp	chơi trốn tìm
relaxing	/rɪ'læksɪŋ/	adj	thư giãn
safe environment	/seɪf ɪn'vaɪrənmənt/	np	môi trường an toàn
show up	/ʃəʊ ʌp/	vp	có mặt
throw cans	/θrəʊ kænz/	vp	ném lon
tractor	/'træktə/	n	máy kéo
traffic congestion	/'træfɪk kən'dʒestʃən/	np	ùn tắc giao thông
utility	/ju:'tɪləti/	n	nhu yếu phẩm

VOCABULARY IN ACTION

1 **Which words / phrases can be used to ...**

1 describe a lifestyle?
2 describe a place?
3 describe activities in the countryside?
4 describe activities in children's games?

2 **Complete the sentences with Word Friends. Fill in TWO WORDS for each sentence. In pairs, say if the sentences are true for you.**

1 I look _____ _____ spending the weekend with my family.
2 I don't like to _____ _____ my classmates on exams. It's so stressful!
3 I like places with a fast _____ of _____ because I want to feel busy.
4 My neighbours are friendly _____ _____ other. That's what I like most about living in this area.
5 My classmates often _____ each other _____. We support each other in our studies.

PRONUNCIATION **Stress in three-syllable adverbs.**

The stress falls on the first syllable in three-syllable adverbs.

3 5.08 **Listen and mark the stressed syllable.**

carefully easily happily quietly
neighbourly noisily perfectly

4 5.09 **Complete the dialogue. Listen and practise in pairs.**

A: What do you think about living in the countryside?
B: I love it. People live quietly and travel around easily. Children fly kites and play happily in the field. The pace of living matches perfectly with my job.

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Revision

VOCABULARY

1 **Write the correct form of the words in brackets to complete the sentences.**

1 We _____ (CAREFUL) choose a place to visit in the summer.
2 Most of the towns get too _____ (CROWD) at night.
3 The city is developing _____ (FAST) than in the past.
4 I love the _____ (LIVE) festivals and celebrations of Hội An.
5 The crime rate is much _____ (LOW) here than in my city.
6 The _____ (NOISE) traffic makes it hard for me to sleep at night.

2 **Join one word / phrase in both boxes to make the correct Word Friend. Fill in the blanks.**

air	compete	feed the
hustle	lively	throwing

and bustle	animals	cans
festivals	pollution	with

1 When I was young, I would wake up early to _____ _____.
2 _____ _____ is still a popular children's game in the countryside.
3 I would _____ _____ my friends in the kite contest.
4 I dislike the _____ _____ of the city.
5 The crime rate and _____ _____ are worse this year than last year.
6 We look forward to seeing the _____ _____ of Mexico.

GRAMMAR

3 **Change these words into the forms in brackets. You may need to add *more* or *most* to some of them.**

1 careful (adverb) _____
2 fast (comparative adverb) _____
3 low (superlative adjective) _____
4 noisy (adverb) _____
5 quick (comparative adverb) _____
6 worse (superlative adverb) _____

4 **Read the text and fill in the blanks with the correct choice.**

I grew up in Mexico. I used to look forward to the festivals _____ ([1]at / in / on) the summer. They would take place in the village _____ ([2]at / in / on) night in July. My grandmother would spend weeks _____ ([3]carefully / more carefully) making costumes for us to wear. _____ ([4]At / In / On) the night of the festival, we would run _____ ([5]quickly / more quickly) to meet my grandfather _____ ([6] at / in / on) the town church before the events began.

READING

5 **Read the text and tick (✔) the statements the author is likely to agree with.**

I grew up in a small town in central Việt Nam. When I was a teenager, I couldn't wait to leave for a big city. But after getting married, I now look forward to going back to my hometown every year. I miss the sense of community we had. I knew everyone, and they knew me. They would help me when I needed them, and we all enjoyed spending time together. We used to go to local festivals and play children's games in the paddy fields. I loved flying kites and herding the buffaloes with other kids in the neighbourhood. Life was not stressful at the time. I hope that my children can experience the peaceful country life like I did.

1 ☐ All young people should spend time in big cities.
2 ☐ City people are generally friendlier than country people.
3 ☐ I enjoyed playing with my friends.
4 ☐ I like living in the countryside.
5 ☐ Traditional children's games were not much fun.

WRITING

6 **Write a paragraph (80–100 words) to describe life in the countryside in your country. You can include the following ideas:**

- People's jobs
- Pace of life
- Cost of living
- People's activities

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