

## TOPIC 2. LIFE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

### BASIC PRACTICE

#### PART I. PHONETICS

Exercise 1. Put the words in the correct column depending on the pronunciation.

activity	visit	milk	picturesque	harvest	build	pasta
shortage	hospitable	village	women	collect	decide	distance
today	begin	garden	parent	busy	holiday	support

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Exercise 2: Find the word which has a different sound in the underlined part. Then say the words aloud.

1. A. family	B. countryside	C. dislike	D. combine
2. A. dragon	B. buffalo	C. bamboo	D. paddy
3. A. renew	B. become	C. water	D. harvest
4. A. unload	B. buffalo	C. summer	D. cactus
5. A. control	B. province	C. crop	D. hospitable
6. A. plough	B. famous	C. lighthouse	D. surround
7. A. chicken	B. minute	C. high	D. province
8. A. balloon	B. canal	C. orchard	D. cottage
9. A. renew	B. silent	C. open	D. gather
10. A. fortunate	B. busy	C. surround	D. picture

#### PART II. VOCABULARY

Exercise 1: Underline the right word in brackets to complete each sentence.

1. How long will it take to (load/ cut/ fill) these bunches of rice onto the lorry?
2. The countryside is so peaceful with boys (guiding/ leading/ herding) the buffaloes on the slopes of the hill.

3. My grandmother was a peasant; she used to (**load/ unload/ carry**) rice from the buffalo-drawn cart.

4. After (**combining/ ploughing/ collecting**) the field, farmers grow some kinds of important crops suitable for each season.

5. I heard the clank of buckets as they went to (**herd/ milk / keep**) the cows.

6. Every afternoon they went to the park to (**feed / raise/ catch**) the ducks with their favorite food.

7. It's the harvest time when fruits are all ripe and local people (**pick/ choose/ decide**) them in the orchard.

8. In those days when I was at high school, I often helped my parents to (**collect/ gather/ save**) crops at harvest time.

9. When a boy, my granddad used to (**catch/ hold/ pick**) fish from the pond behind his house.

10. After cutting rice from the field, farmers (**dry/ drain/ bake**) it in the sun for 2 or 3 days.

**Exercise 2: Fill each blank with a word/ phrase in the box.**

<b>picturesque</b>	<b>vast</b>	<b>hospitable</b>	<b>well-trained</b>
<b>peaceful</b>	<b>supportive</b>	<b>surrounded</b>	<b>crowded</b>

- \_\_\_\_\_ areas of agriculture land have become buildings now.
- The villagers were very \_\_\_\_\_ towards anyone who passed through.
- There is a special need for \_\_\_\_\_ teachers in today's education.
- This place used to be a pretty town with a \_\_\_\_\_ harbor and well-preserved buildings.
- Sometimes our family escape the noise of city life to enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_ atmosphere in the countryside.
- We grew up in the countryside, \_\_\_\_\_ by the beauties of nature.
- Children with \_\_\_\_\_ parents often do better at school than those without.
- You can relax in the countryside because it's so peaceful and not as \_\_\_\_\_ as the city.

**Exercise 2: Complete the sentences with the words from the box.**

<b>combine harvester</b>	<b>paddy field</b>	<b>harvest time</b>	<b>canal</b>	<b>stretch</b>
<b>surround</b>	<b>community</b>	<b>cultivate</b>	<b>unload</b>	<b>orchard</b>

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ is versatile; it helps farmers cut the plant and separates the grains from the stem.
2. The seedlings have been raised elsewhere and are now ready to be planted out in the main \_\_\_\_\_.
3. My parents told us that at planting and \_\_\_\_\_ they didn't go to school at all but help with farming.
4. In the north of the country, fields and hills would \_\_\_\_\_ out as far as we could see.
5. There is a strong sense of \_\_\_\_\_ amongst the villagers in our neighborhood. They share things they have.
6. My grandfather has a large vegetable garden and an apple \_\_\_\_\_ behind his house.
7. The ship is sailing towards Europe through the Suez \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The local people in the village \_\_\_\_\_ mostly maize and beans and then sell them to wholesalers.
9. The well-built men were asked to \_\_\_\_\_ the heavy luggage from the car and then took them to the central hall.
10. Snow-capped mountains \_\_\_\_\_ the city and make an amazing scenery.