

TOPIC 2. LIFE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

BASIC PRACTICE

PART I. PHONETICS

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

act <u>i</u> ty	vis <u>i</u> t	mil <u>k</u>	pic <u>t</u> uresque	harv <u>e</u> st	bu <u>i</u> ld	past <u>a</u>
short <u>a</u> ge	hospit <u>a</u> ble	vill <u>a</u> ge	wom <u>e</u> n	col <u>l</u> ect	dec <u>i</u> de	dist <u>a</u> nce
to <u>d</u> ay	beg <u>i</u> n	gard <u>e</u> n	par <u>e</u> nt	bu <u>s</u> y	holi <u>d</u> ay	supp <u>o</u> rt

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

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| 1. A. fam <u>i</u> ly | B. countr <u>y</u> side | C. disl <u>i</u> ke | D. combin <u>e</u> |
| 2. A. drag <u>o</u> n | B. buffal <u>o</u> | C. bamb <u>o</u> o | D. padd <u>y</u> |
| 3. A. ren <u>e</u> w | B. bec <u>o</u> me | C. wat <u>e</u> r | D. harv <u>e</u> st |
| 4. A. unl <u>o</u> ad | B. buffal <u>o</u> | C. summ <u>e</u> r | D. cact <u>u</u> s |
| 5. A. contr <u>o</u> l | B. provinc <u>e</u> | C. crop | D. hospitab <u>l</u> e |
| 6. A. pl <u>o</u> ugh | B. fam <u>o</u> us | C. lighth <u>o</u> use | D. surr <u>o</u> und |
| 7. A. chick <u>e</u> n | B. minut <u>e</u> | C. high | D. provinc <u>e</u> |
| 8. A. ball <u>o</u> on | B. can <u>a</u> l | C. orchard | D. cottag <u>e</u> |
| 9. A. ren <u>e</u> w | B. silen <u>t</u> | C. open | D. gather |
| 10. A. fortun <u>a</u> te | B. bus <u>y</u> | C. surr <u>o</u> und | D. pictur <u>e</u> |

PART II. VOCABULARY

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

- How long will it take to (load/ cut/ fill) these bunches of rice onto the lorry?
- 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.

picturesque	vast	hospitable	well-trained
peaceful	supportive	surrounded	crowded

1. _____ areas of agriculture land have become buildings now.
2. The villagers were very _____ towards anyone who passed through.
3. There is a special need for _____ teachers in today's education.
4. This place used to be a pretty town with a _____ harbor and well-preserved buildings.
5. Sometimes our family escape the noise of city life to enjoy the _____ atmosphere in the countryside.
6. We grew up in the countryside, _____ by the beauties of nature.
7. Children with _____ parents often do better at school than those without.
8. 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.

combine harvester	paddy field	harvest time	canal	stretch
surround	community	cultivate	unload	orchard

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.