

# Unit 07

## Cities vs. Rural Areas



### Warm-Up

Hãy cùng bạn học trả lời các câu hỏi dưới đây.

- 1 Do you live in a city or outside a city?
- 2 What are some good things about where you live?
- 3 What are some bad things about where you live?

### Introducing the Topic



In old times, most people lived in the countryside. They lived on farms and grew their own food. By the 1800s, people moved to the city to find jobs. Today, over half the people in the world live in cities. Cities have many benefits for children, but there are also problems. This is why some parents want to raise their kids in the countryside.



## Learning about the Topic

Should children grow up in cities or in rural areas?



Đọc và gạch chân các lập luận hỗ trợ trong đoạn 2 và đoạn 3.

Many parents want to provide the best **environment** for their children. For many parents, this means raising children in **rural** areas. Yet millions of parents think cities are better for their children.

### Cities Are Better for Children

To start, children have better chances to have good educations. Many of the best schools, such as Columbia University in New York and Harvard University in Boston, are in cities. Cities also have more museums and art galleries. This means that city kids have more chances to learn. Second, children in cities



meet many people with different backgrounds. For example, more than 36 percent of the people in New York are **immigrants**. They bring their customs and food with them to cities. Kids there are exposed to many **cultures**. It is easy to learn and understand different cultures in cities.

### Rural Areas Are Better for Children

First, children can experience the outdoors easily. In rural areas, houses are much cheaper. Parents can buy bigger houses with large **yards**. So children can play outside more often. Children can also walk through the woods and see animals. This lets kids learn more about nature. Second, kids in rural areas can be healthier. The air is cleaner in rural areas. So kids will have fewer problems with their lungs. These children also eat fresh food more. This helps them grow up stronger and healthier.



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## Vocabulary Check

Chọn câu trả lời thích hợp cho từng câu hỏi dưới đây.

rural      immigrants      yard      culture      environment

1. Children should grow up in a safe \_\_\_\_\_.
2. My parents are \_\_\_\_\_ from Poland.
3. An important part of Korean \_\_\_\_\_ is respecting older people.
4. Let's plant some flowers in the front \_\_\_\_\_.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ areas are cleaner and quieter than cities.

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## Comprehension Questions

Chọn câu trả lời đúng cho từng câu hỏi dưới đây.

1. What do many parents want to give their children?
  - a. The best environment for their children
  - b. Chances to visit rural areas and cities
2. How can children learn more in cities?
  - a. They can spend less time studying for tests.
  - b. They can go to good universities and museums.
3. How can children in rural areas experience the outdoors more easily?
  - a. They can see many animals in zoos.
  - b. They can often walk through the woods.
4. What makes children in rural areas healthier?
  - a. The children spend more time with their families.
  - b. The air is cleaner, and the food is fresher.

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