

## UNIT 2: LIFE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

harvest	Cattle	load	inconvenient	atmosphere
well-trained	Pasture	collect	vast	donate

1. My uncle raises a herd of \_\_\_\_\_ on his farm.
2. There was a long drought which produced a very poor \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Many millionaires \_\_\_\_\_ a great deal of money to the poor in this remote area yearly.
4. All people in this small village have to \_\_\_\_\_ water from remote rivers to their homes every day.
5. It is very \_\_\_\_\_ to live in the mountainous areas because of the lack of transportation.
6. On the way to my hometown, I can see the \_\_\_\_\_ fields stretching to the horizon.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ workers in this factory can produce quality performance.
8. When I go to the countryside, I enjoy the peaceful \_\_\_\_\_ and the clear blue sky there.
9. I usually help my grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ the rice onto the ox-drawn cart during harvest time.
10. Look! A little boy is driving the herd of buffaloes to the \_\_\_\_\_.

Fill each blank with a suitable word in the box to finish the passage.

cultivate	traffic	outdoors	orchards	fresh
effect	livestock	slower	cleaner	milking

Life in the countryside is a bit (1) \_\_\_\_\_ than life in the cities. It isn't as exciting as life in the city. But in general people work hard - they work in the fields, in the garden, in the woods, etc. They grow vegetables, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ crops and raise cattle (cows, horses, buffaloes, ...). Some people even have vineyards and fruit (3) \_\_\_\_\_.

There is a ton of work to be done on the farm - (4) \_\_\_\_\_ cows, taking care of (5), \_\_\_\_\_ mucking out, ploughing fields, sowing seeds, fertilizing, harvesting,.... . It is said that a farmer works from sunrise to sunset. People use farm machinery and drive tractors.

Children can freely play (6) \_\_\_\_\_. In rural area people know each other better. There are no skyscrapers in the countryside. People's home may be either a farmhouse or a cottage.

People sniff air that is definitely (7) \_\_\_\_\_ than air in the cities. There is also less violence and vandalism. The (8) \_\_\_\_\_ isn't as dense as in the cities. There are no rush hours. Furthermore, it isn't as noisy as it is in cities.

People living in the countryside can enjoy the green scenery. They can enjoy nature. They can hear birds chirping, deer stopping in a clearing in a wood. Besides, people can eat (9) \_\_\_\_\_ home-grown vegetables and fruit, it seems that life in the countryside is not that stressful. Altogether that must have a positive (10) \_\_\_\_\_ on their health.

**Write the comparative form of these adjectives and adverbs.**

	Adjectives / Adverbs	Comparative form
1	hot	
2	beautiful	
3	crazy	
4	slowly	
5	early	
6	much	
7	badly	
8	well	
9	big	
10	wonderful	
11	happy	
12	clever	
13	far	
14	convenient	
15	dangerously	

**Complete the sentences with the correct comparison.**

1. She can't stay (long) \_\_\_\_\_ than 30 minutes.
2. The red shirt is better but it's (expensive) \_\_\_\_\_ than the white one.
3. Being a firefighter is (dangerous) \_\_\_\_\_ than being a builder.
4. Lan sings (sweet) \_\_\_\_\_ than Hoa.

5. The weather this summer is even (hot) \_\_\_\_\_ than last summer.
6. Your accent is (bad) \_\_\_\_\_ than mine.
7. Hot dogs are (good) \_\_\_\_\_ than hamburgers.
8. French is considered to be (difficult) \_\_\_\_\_ than English.
9. This flower is (beautiful) \_\_\_\_\_ than that one.
10. My house is (big) \_\_\_\_\_ than yours.

Reorder the words to make correct sentences.

1. I / travelling / think / by / plane / is / much / more / by/ than/ expensive / train.

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2. me, / is / more / To / health / important / money / than.

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3. in / the / is / Life / more / countryside / peaceful / the / that / in / than / city.

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4. service / healthcare / The / in / the / than / is / the / better / city / that / in / countryside.

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5. air / areas / The / is / in / fresher / urban / rural / than / in / the / that / one.

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Write sentences using the suggestions below.

1. I/ play/ badminton/ badly/ Tom /.

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2. Anna/ behave/ politely/ her younger brother /.

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3. Now /I/ drive/ carefully/I/ used to /.

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4. You / perform / task / well / Lucy/.

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5. Today/ the/ sun/ shine/ brightly / yesterday /.

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Rewrite each sentence so it has the same meaning. Use a comparative form of the adjective in brackets.

1. Tim is older than Sarah. (young)

□ Sarah

2. Our house is larger than yours. (small)

□ Your house is

3. Bill is not as tall as David. (short)

Bill is

4. Jack's marks are worse than mine. (good)

My marks

5. This book is cheaper than that one. (expensive)

That book is

**Read the passage and choose the best answers.**

Many people enjoy living in a big city because they think life is more exciting there. However, I come from a small village and in my view, there are lots of benefits. The main reason I prefer village life is because it's very quiet, so I always feel calm when I'm here. Another reason is that the air is so fresh and clean. We have more green spaces and bigger gardens, too. In addition, I think the people here are friendlier. Personally, I'm interested in wildlife photography, so the countryside is perfect for me.

The only downside is transport. I have an early start for a long journey to school in Faro and the school bus is always stopping to pick up more people. Also, it's boring sometimes, but I enjoy chatting to my friends. Fortunately, I'm learning to ride a moped. On balance, I disagree that city life is better, as I think my village lifestyle is healthier and more relaxing. In spite of that, some of my friends couldn't cope with life in the country, so it comes down to personal opinion.

1. Where does the writer come from?

A. a big city      B. a small village      C. a countryside      D. a small town

2. One reason why he prefers village life is that \_\_\_\_\_.

A. it's very noisy      B. the air is so fresh and clean  
C. life is more exciting there      D. village lifestyle is healthier

3. What does he think about the people in his village?

A. friendlier      B. boring      C. exciting      D. kind

4. According to the writer, what is the disadvantage of living in the village?

A. weather      B. facilities      C. transport      D. service

5. How does he go to school?

A. bicycle      B. train      C. moped      D. school bus