

Word List:

reasonable price goats bush roasted coffee century

social life forbidden punish refuse fond of spices gossip

A New Life in the Village

When Maria first moved to the small village, she found it very different from the city. Her flat was in an old building that was over a **(1)** _____ old! To get to work, she had to walk past a field with two friendly **(2)** _____. She was very **(3)** _____ the quiet atmosphere.

The village had a small café that sold delicious **(4)** _____. Maria started going there every morning. The owner sold it for a **(5)** _____, so it was a good start to her day. One day, she saw a beautiful bird hiding in a **(6)** _____ near the café door.

Maria wanted to improve her **(7)** _____ and meet new people. She noticed that the local market sold many interesting **(8)** _____ from different countries. She decided to take a cooking class. In the class, the teacher was very strict. She said it was **(9)** _____ to use mobile phones, and she would **(10)** _____ anyone who did by making them wash all the dishes!

At first, Maria was shy, but soon she started talking to a woman named Lena. Lena loved to **(11)** _____ and told Maria about all the other people in the class. Maria learned a lot. Now, she would never **(12)** _____ an invitation to the market with her new friend.