READING

A Read the descriptions and tick (✓) the things that are mentioned.

traffic	[ ]	shopping	[ ]	factories	[ ]
animals	[ ]	weather	[ ]		

Why I love the country
Carlo



I have always preferred living in the country – never in a town or city, and not even in a village. I was born here on my parents' farm, and although I went away to study, I always knew I wanted to come back. Now I work on the farm too. When I was at university, I lived in the city. I found it crowded, noisy and smelly. There was too much traffic and pollution. And even with all those people around, I felt lonely. I was so happy when I came back here. Life is just slower and more relaxed. And I am a person who likes peace and quiet. People think it's boring, but it's not. I know everyone around here, and there are lots of young people. Another thing is, you really see the weather in the countryside. You notice the little differences in the way the seasons change from spring to summer and autumn to winter. When I look out of the windows I see hills and fields. Who wouldn't want that? I am never going to live in a city – I just know it!

Why I love the city
Shannon



I haven't always lived in this city. I come from a small town, where it's very quiet. But I moved here when I got my first job, and I liked it so much I stayed! I just love everything about city life: the people, the noise, the taxis and buses. There's always something to do. I never feel bored. You can go to a restaurant, go to see a film or visit a museum. You can buy anything you like, and the shops are open 24/7. Some people say that people who live here are unfriendly, but I know all the people who live in my building and the people who run the shops and restaurants in my street. They all say 'hello' when they see me. Living here I sometimes feel as if I'm in a film. When I'm going to work, walking along the street, or riding the subway, I feel that I'm part of something important – part of a big, busy international city. I am happy to be here. I know it's noisy and crowded, but to me, this city is just beautiful. It's always going to be that way. I'm just a city person.

Glossary

go away: go to another place
notice: see
24/7: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

B Read the descriptions again. Are the sentences true or false? Circle T or F.

1	Carlo was born in the city.	T	(F)
2	He didn't like the city because he felt lonely.	T	F
3	The weather in the country is worse than in the city.	T	F
4	Shannon came to the city to study.	T	F
5	She doesn't know many people.	T	F
6	She finds the city exciting.	T	F

C Who are these sentences about? Write *C* for Carlo and *S* for Shannon. Then read the descriptions again and check.

1	His / Her parents are farmers.	[C]
2	He / She comes from a small town.	[ ]
3	He / She knows a lot of young people.	[ ]
4	He / She can go shopping whenever he / she feels like it.	[ ]
5	He / She likes looking at hills and fields.	[ ]
6	His / Her neighbours are friendly.	[ ]

D Complete the summary with the words in the box.

bored	crowded	didn't like
happy	prefers	slow

Carlo likes living in the country because it's quiet and peaceful. He [1] ***didn't like*** the city because it was [2] ....., noisy and smelly. He enjoys the [3] ..... pace of life and noticing the changes in the countryside around him.



Shannon lived in a small town, but she [4] ..... the city. She likes everything about city life and she never feels [5] ..... She doesn't want to live in the country because she feels [6] ..... in the city.

LIVEWORKSHEETS