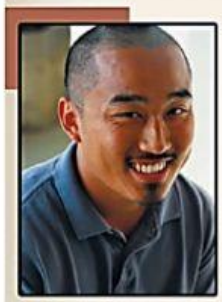
A country slicker or a country lover



"Hi! My name is Stephen and I live in a tiny flat in Brixton, south-west London. I chose to live here because there is never a **dull** moment in a city like London. I'm an art student and the **hustle and bustle** of so many people in one area is the **inspiration** for a lot of my painting.

Another advantage of city life is having everything you need so **close at hand**. Living beside the Tube station means I don't need a car to get around, which saves me money. Also, there are shopping centres, art galleries and museums everywhere.

Of course, London, like any large city, has its problems, too. Londoners don't **chat** on the Tube or the bus and there is much less **community spirit** than in the country, where my parents live. In fact, they don't understand how I can **put up with the constant** noise and pollution, and traffic congestion.

However, I see that as a small price to pay. I'm **in my element** here in the heart of this fine city. As a famous poet once said, 'He who is tired of London is tired of life.'"

1. Stephen in a professional painter.

True False

2. Stephen thinks using public transport is cheaper than travelling by car.

True False

3. Stephen's parents don't like the noise of London.

True False

4. Stephen is tired of living in London.

True False

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"Hello – or 'G' day', as we say down under*. My name is Marianna and I live in New South Wales, Australia, on a **huge** ranch called The Rain River Land. It's a beautiful area with fantastic scenery. I live here with my husband Joe and our two children, Patrick, 11, and Abby, 8. We have lived on this **ranch** for several years and love our **healthy** lifestyle.

5. Marianna and her family have lived on the ranch for most of their lives.

True False

Of course, there are some negative aspects to life out here. There are often **droughts** in Australia, and sometimes we can't grow any **crops** for months.

6. Life on a ranch has some disadvantages.

True False

We feel **isolated** sometimes, too, especially since the nearest neighbours are almost 100km away. Another problem is that many things are not as easily available as in the city. There are no **local facilities** such as schools, supermarkets and shops, and if we are ill we have to call the flying doctor.

7. Marianna don't have any neighbours close by.

True False

Although life here can be difficult, we wouldn't change it for the world."

8. Marianna wishes her life was different.

True False

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