

Vocabulary

City & country living

1 Listen and say. Which phrases best match each picture (A-B)?

- variety of entertainment
- medical services
- beautiful countryside
- crowded streets
- fast pace of life
- air and noise pollution
- high quality of education
- heavy traffic
- peace and quiet
- convenient public transport
- fresh air

Reading

2 a) Read the title and the first sentence in each paragraph. What is the text about?

Listen and read to find out.

b) Read the article and complete the table.

FOR	
Arguments	Reasons/Examples
1 <i>more space</i>	<i>houses with big gardens</i>
2 _____	_____
3 _____	_____
AGAINST	
Arguments	Reasons/Examples
1 _____	_____
2 _____	_____
3 _____	_____

Country Living

Although city populations continue to grow steadily, not everyone is happy living in the city. Despite the many benefits of city life, there are still many people who prefer living in the country. So is country life better than city life?

There are a lot of advantages to living in the countryside. To begin with, there is more space to actually live in. Houses with big gardens offer more independence from neighbours and room to move around. The countryside also offers a more peaceful style of living. There are fewer cars and no motorways or underground that create so much noise pollution in the city. Moreover, the pace of life is slower, so life is less stressful. You don't get stuck in rush-hour traffic and your schedule is less hectic.

On the other hand, there are also some downsides to country life. For one thing, it is quite difficult to find work in the country. Job opportunities are very limited. Furthermore, things can be a long way apart. Everyday tasks take longer to do as you might have to travel to the next town to do your shopping. Lastly, there is a lack of privacy. As there are fewer people living there, it seems everyone knows each other's business.

All in all, although there are some disadvantages to living in the country, I believe that it is still a far better place to have your home than the city. Being able to live in a peaceful place with fresh air makes country life worth living.

Check these words

population, benefit, prefer, stuck in traffic, downside, limited, lack of privacy, know somebody's business

B

13 a) Fill in the gaps with *convenient, pace, crowded, education, medical, fresh, countryside, entertainment, peace, heavy, pollution.*

- 1 variety of _____
- 2 _____ services
- 3 beautiful _____
- 4 _____ streets
- 5 fast _____ of life
- 6 air and noise _____
- 7 high quality of _____
- 8 _____ traffic
- 9 _____ and quiet
- 10 _____ public transport
- 11 _____ air

b) Now list the phrases in Ex. 13a under the correct heading in the table.

City	Countryside
_____	_____
_____	_____
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