



**Read the text and mark the statements**

**True (1), False (2), Not Stated (3).**

After years of discussing moving to the country, we found a cottage on the bank of a river. There was a studio where I could paint - my old dream. A year later, the cottage was transformed into a beach style house. Light came in through huge glass windows and as I looked out on the river that ran past our door, I felt happy. It was only a mile walk to the town. There was a station with a connection to London and fantastic English countryside right on our doorstep. I threw myself into country life, taking the dog for walks in fields and woods, writing for the regional newspaper and painting. Jim found a new job in Cambridge and I as a writer could work at home.

We really lived our dream. It was during our third winter that I realized how I felt about the different contact we now had with our children. We still spoke and e-mailed, but meeting my daughter for a coffee meant a three-hour drive. Then there were the old friends who we missed. We made friends in Suffolk, but most new people were older or much younger with growing families. I discovered how lonely you can be even when you know a lot of people. I felt empty. I didn't see the beauty of the countryside any more.

It was my daughter, visiting for a weekend, who noticed my melancholy mood. 'Why not sell up and move back to live in the flat?' she said. It seemed such a simple solution. Jim felt the same. We sold the house and set about returning to London. We love being back home in the city, with our family. We don't regret our country adventure. One thing we have learned is that location isn't everything - it's people that count.

- A.** The lady's dream was to write novels in the countryside.
- B.** They loved their new house because it was modern and close to Nature.
- C.** Their beach style house was too far from London.
- D.** The wife and the husband enjoyed their country life.
- E.** They often went to London to see their children and friends.
- F.** It took the wife three years to realize how much she missed London life.
- G.** It was impossible to move back to the city.
- H.** Jim and his wife were very happy to return to London.
- I.** They remember their country adventure with pleasure.
- J.** They often go to Suffolk to see their new friends.

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