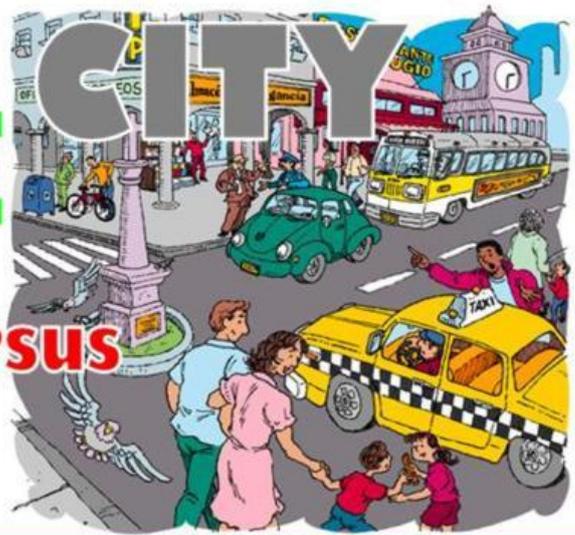


COUNTRYSIDE



versus



THE POSITIVE SIDE: Complete the lists with the words provided in the box.

- fresh air
- easy access to culture (museums, exhibitions...)
- more job opportunities
- helpful neighbours
- peaceful and quiet
- plenty of entertainment (cinema, parks, concerts...)
- fabulous landscapes
- modern public transport
- more open spaces
- lots of conveniences (shops, restaurants...)
- relaxed and healthy lifestyle
- cheaper cost of living
- more housing options
- good health care (hospitals)
- close contact with nature
- attractive, exciting lifestyle



THE NEGATIVE SIDE: Complete the gaps using the comparative of superiority.

COUNTRY LIFE: Living in the countryside may be more relaxing, but it can get boring as life is _____ (slow). There is less to do to have fun, like going to the cinema or shopping centre. It is also _____ (difficult) to get to places because often there are not good public transport systems. Getting a job in the country may also be _____ (hard). Most jobs are in the city so people have to drive there every day and this can be tiring.

CITY LIFE: Living in the city may be exciting but it is also _____ (dangerous). The crime rate is _____ (high) and people may feel less secure than in the countryside. Also, the air in the city is _____ (polluted) because of the cars. So, there are more traffic jams. Cities are _____ (big) and so they are more crowded and _____ (noisy). City life is _____ (fast) and people are often so busy and stressed that they don't have time to pay much attention to their neighbours. Some people may also feel lonely.