

Text 4

Read the text below and answer the questions.

Country life or City Buzz?

In recent years there has been a surge of people moving out of London to a more quiet and slower-paced lifestyle in the British countryside. However, it must also be noted that more and more people are moving to London from other parts of the world, and living the dream in England's capital. So, what, in reality are the pros and cons of either lifestyle?

City:

A city will offer you everything: 24-hour food delivery, everything will be within walking distance; transport, shops, schools, culture and museums to name a few. Cities can be a hub of diversity and excitement, but with it comes great financial strain unless you are wealthy enough to enjoy a good quality of life. High-levels of pollution and a lack of above average schools for the average income family are reasons to shy away from a bustling city life.

The countryside:

The countryside is essentially the exact opposite of a city: food delivery after 11pm is rare and exotic or unusual cuisines are not common place, transport is predominantly reliant on driving and having your own car, although not exclusively, communities are tight-knit at times and it can seem harder to settle into a new rural location when neighbours are sparser than in a city. On the plus-side, history is ever-present as old castles and local museums litter the landscape, fresh air, locally-grown affordable food and more space are definite pluses of a rural lifestyle.

It is hard to decide, at one point in our lives, a city is what we aspire to, and some wish to continue that pace for the rest of their days. Others, may view the city life as something to enjoy before starting on the road to having children and growing a family; after that, more space and affordability could be needed.

27. Which statement best describes this article?
- a. To give you facts about the best way to live your life
 - b. Opinions on different environments for living
 - c. To discuss the perks of living in the city
28. In the first line, choose another word for 'surge'
- a. interest
 - b. rush
 - c. beginning
29. 'neighbours are sparser' means what?
- a. there are too many
 - b. the neighbours are rude
 - c. there will be fewer neighbours who may live further away

30. In the city, in order to have a good quality of life you:
- a. need to use public transport
 - b. should eat out often
 - c. will need to have a lot of money
31. What is not discussed in the city paragraph?
- a. restaurants
 - b. late night transport
 - c. schools

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