

City or Country ?

1. Lis ce que les ados ont à dire concernant la ville et la campagne.

CINDY, USA When I was a little girl I lived in a small village in Texas. We lived on a farm with lots of animals. It was very relaxing and quiet. You could hear the birds singing in the morning.

It was great during the week because I was with my friends at school and we had lots of after-school activities. But there wasn't much to do at the weekend when I was at home. My school friends and I couldn't meet because there were no buses. So basically I had to watch TV. It was so boring.

Now that I'm older my parents moved to New York City. It's easier now to be with my friends because I can take the bus or the underground to everywhere I want to go. My favourite place is the shopping centre. I always hang out with my friends there.

PETER, GERMANY I live in a big city in Germany and it's quite exciting! There are lots of things to do. My parents bought a flat near a park where I can ride my bike or go skateboarding. My brother is older than me so I also go to the cinema with him. The city library is a great place too. I usually meet my friends there and we do our school projects or study together.

Of course living in a big city is not easy. City life can be fast, tiring and stressful. The streets are always crowded and noisy. Because of the cars the air is polluted sometimes. People are so busy that they rarely have time for their neighbours or friends. But I can't see myself moving to the countryside. I just love living in the city too much.

2. Faites correspondre les parties des phrases de Cindy. Écrivez seulement les chiffres.

a) Cindy lived in the countryside	1) at the shopping centre whenever she wants.
b) She could hear the birds singing	2) when she was at school with her friends.
c) She only had fun	3) when she was younger.
d) She had to stay at home at the weekend	4) because there were no public transports.
e) In the city she can meet her friends	5) because it was very peaceful.

A	B	C	D	E

3. Complète les phrases concernant Peter.

- a) Peter likes to _____ in the park.
- b) He is younger _____
- c) He likes meeting his friends _____
- d) The sense of community is not very strong in a city because _____

4. Réponds aux questions en anglais!

- a) What did Cindy do at the weekends in the country?

- b) Where does Cindy live now ?

- c) Why is the city such an interesting place for Peter ?

5. Trouve des synonymes dans le texte pour les mots ci-dessous.

- a) Silent : _____
- b) Uninteresting : _____
- c) Exhausting : _____
- d) Full of people : _____
- e) Loud : _____
- f) Not fresh or clean : _____

6. Ecris les noms des espaces publics et des magasins.

- a) _____ - you go there to pray and get married.
- b) _____ - you go there to buy stamps and send letters.
- c) _____ - you go there to buy meat and sausages.
- d) _____ - you go there to buy newspapers and magazines.
- e) _____ - you go there to catch a train.
- f) _____ - you go there to buy a dress or a pair of jeans.
- g) _____ - you go there to buy fresh vegetables and fruit.
- h) _____ - you go there to see paintings and sculptures.

7. Complète les phrases en utilisant le comparatif et/ou le superlatif des adjectifs qui se trouvent entre parenthèses.

Cities are usually much _____ (1-big) and life is _____ (2-exciting) there. Public transport is also _____ (3-good). But life can be _____ (4-stressful).

People are often _____ (5-busy) running from one place to the other. Life in the country may be _____ (6-boring) but people are _____ (7-close) to nature and the air is _____ (8-clean). People have a _____ (9-relaxed) lifestyle. But there is nothing _____ (10-bad) than having nothing to do all day.

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EX 2

- a)3 b)5 c)2 d)4 e)1

EX 3

- a) ride his bike or go skateboarding.
- b) than his brother.
- c) in the city library.
- d) people are so busy / rarely have time for their neighbours or friends.

EX 4

- a) She watched TV.
- b) She lives in New York City/ in the city now.
- c) It's a very interesting place for Peter because there are lots of things he can do/to do.

EX 5

- a) quiet
- b) boring
- c) tiring
- d) crowded
- b) noisy
- c) polluted

EX 6

- 1) church
- 2) post office
- 3) butcher's
- 4) newsagent's
- 5) railway station
- 6) clothes shop
- 7) greengrocer's
- 8) museum

EX 7

Cities are usually much **BIGGER** (1-big) and life is **MORE EXCITING** (2-exciting) there. Public transport is also **BETTER** (3-good). But life can be **MORE STRESSFUL** (4-stressful). People are often **BUSIER** (5-busy) running from one place to the other.

Life in the country may be **MORE BORING** (6-boring) but people are **CLOSER** (7-close) to nature and the air is **CLEANER** (8-clean). People have a **MORE RELAXED** (9-relaxed) lifestyle. But there is nothing **WORSE** (10-bad) than having nothing to do all day.