

60 Town and country

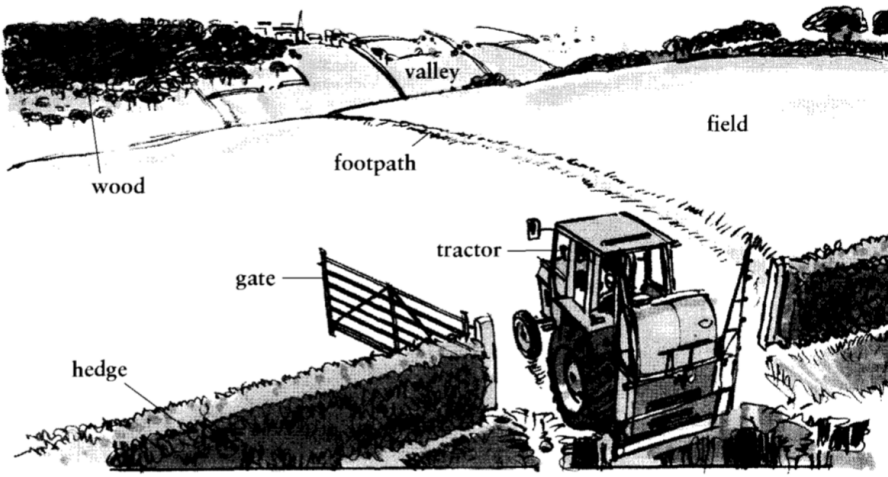
A Towns

Here are some of the things you will find in most big towns.

- a **commercial centre**: an area with lots of banks and company offices
- shopping centres**: places with many shops, either indoors or outdoors
- car parks**: places to leave many cars
- factories**: buildings where you make/manufacture things, e.g. cars
- suburbs**: areas outside the centre of town where people live
- libraries**: places where you can borrow books
- pollution**: dirty air because of smoke and petrol fumes
- night-life**: places to go at night, e.g. bars, restaurants, cinemas, theatres, discos, etc.

B The country

Here are some of the things you will find in the countryside.



C Advantages and disadvantages

People who prefer the countryside to big towns, often say this:

<i>Towns:</i>	<i>The countryside:</i>
are noisy	is quiet and peaceful
are dirty and polluted	is clean
are stressful	is calm and relaxing
are crowded (= full of people)	has lots of open space
are dangerous	is safe

People who prefer big towns have a different point of view:

<i>In towns:</i>	<i>In the countryside:</i>
there are plenty (= lots) of things to do	there's nothing to do
it's exciting	it's boring
there's a wide range of shops (= many different shops)	there are only a few shops
there's lots of night-life, e.g. bars, cinemas, discos	there's no night-life

Exercises

60.1 Complete this table of opposites.

<i>Big towns and cities</i>	<i>Village life and the countryside</i>
.....	quiet and peaceful
.....	clean air
exciting
stressful
.....	lots of open spaces
.....	nothing to do in the evening
dangerous

Do you agree with everything in the table above? Put a tick (✓) beside each answer you do, and a (✗) beside each answer you don't. If possible compare and discuss your answers with someone else.

60.2 Organise the words in the box into three groups: things that you usually find in towns (in your country), things you usually find in the country, and things you often find in both town and country.

fields	factories	gates	car parks
libraries	tractors	suburbs	villages
traffic	Town Hall	shopping centres	footpaths
pollution	valleys	night-life	woods

<i>Town</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Town and country</i>
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60.3 Look at the picture on the opposite page for one minute, then cover it and complete this text based on the picture.

We opened the (1)....., said 'hello' to the man on the (2)....., and then followed the (3)..... across the (4)..... and down into the (5)..... We stopped and had a picnic by the river and then walked up through the (6)..... on the other side of the (7)..... A bit later we came to a (8)..... where we stopped and bought some bread.

60.4 Think of your journey to school, college or work. How many of these things do you see or pass?

a car park factories woods a library a museum parking meters
lots of traffic commuters a night club fields suburbs a railway station

ANSWER KEY:

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60.1	<i>Towns</i> noisy dirty and polluted exciting stressful crowded lots to do dangerous	<i>Villages</i> quiet and peaceful clean air boring relaxing lots of open space nothing to do in the evening safe
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60.2	<i>Possible answers</i>		
	<i>Town</i> factories shopping centres pollution night-life Town Hall, suburbs	<i>Country</i> fields woods tractors villages valleys	<i>Town and country</i> gates car parks footpaths libraries traffic

60.3	1 gate	3 path	5 valley	7 valley
	2 tractor	4 field	6 wood	8 village

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Exercise 2: 1f 2e 3a 4b 5g 6c 7d
8. litter bins 9. cycle lanes 10. tower block
11. pedestrian precinct 12. traffic lights
13. city centre 14. main street

Exercise 3: culture: opera house, theatre, museum, art gallery **transport:** railway station, underground, multi-storey car park, taxi rank **education:** university, school, college **sports:** swimming pool, football stadium, leisure centre, ice rink

shopping: department store, shopping centre, mall

Exercise 4: 1g 2f 3b 4i 5a 6e 7h 8c 9d

Exercise 5: 1. rush hour, crowded, stressful, traffic
2. graffiti 3. cosmopolitan 4. convenient
5. property prices, suburbs, commute 6. public transport, efficient 7d 8c 9a 10b

Exercise 7: 1. street 2. road 3. estate 4. high-rise, high-rise 5. crossing, crossing 6. commuters