

# Wales – life in the village.

**Objectives:** at the end of the lesson students will be able to

- use appropriate vocabulary doing the tasks on the theme Life in the village;
- talk about advantages and disadvantages to live in the village;
- identify specific details in the text.

## PROCEDURE

### 1. Introduction

Teacher: Our life is getting easier and easier every day. People enjoy living in big cities because they have a lot of opportunities, activities, things to see and to do. Is it better to live in the city or a quiet village? That's definitely an interesting theme to discuss.

### 2. Warming-up

a) Students look at photos and describe living in the city and in the village.

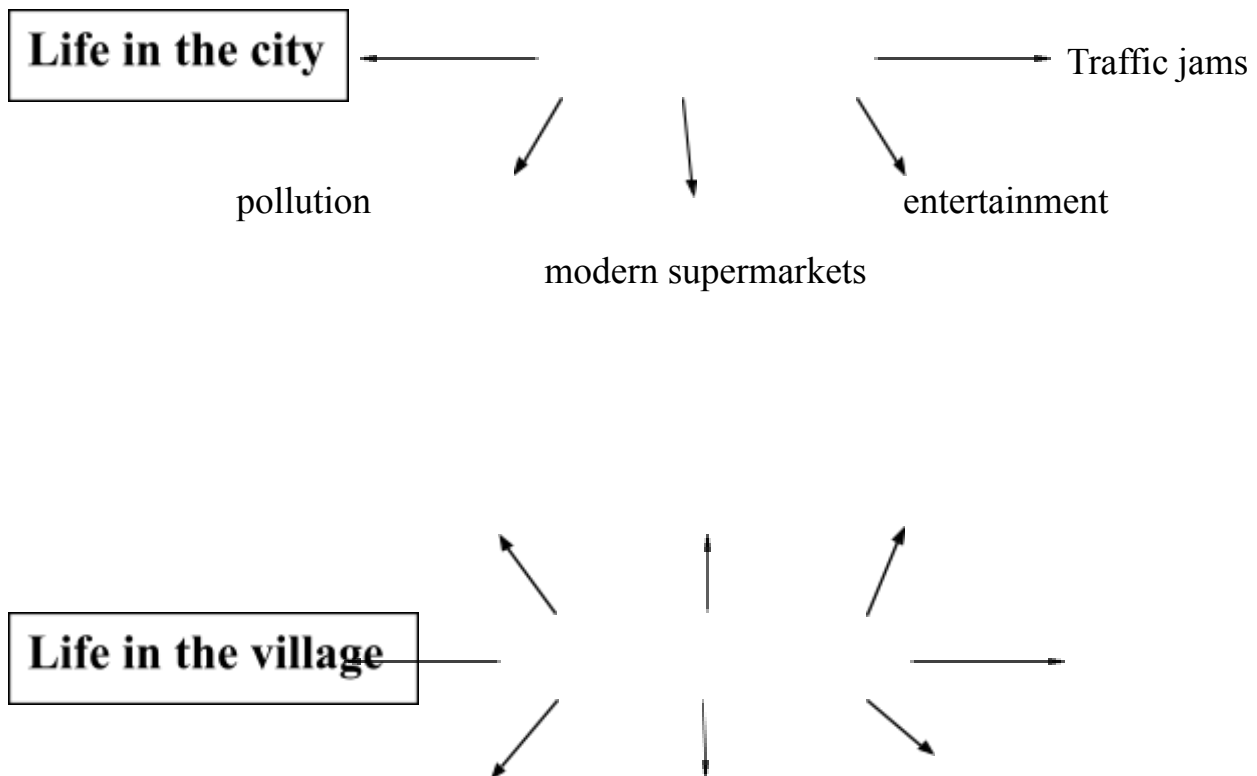




## b) Lexical warming-up

### BRAINSTORM

Revision of the words: rural and urban life – advertisement, stream, hill, lane, pavement, pedestrian crossing, footpath, countryside, sheep, farming, garden, locality, air pollution, malls, crops, skyscrapers, busy, neighborhoods, yard, environment.



### 3. Before reading

Teacher: look at the photo and discuss in pairs:

- \_\_Is it a good place to live?
- \_\_How do people earn money in such places?
- \_\_What adjectives can we use to describe the scenery?
- \_\_Do we have such landscapes in Ukraine? Where?



### 4. While reading activity

**Read the text and match the headings with the paragraphs A – D.**

**( industry      introduction      language      scenery )**

**A** Wales isn't an independent state – it is a part of the UK. It is situated in the west of Britain. It has a population of about three million people and the capital is Cardiff. Most of the population live in the industrial south of the country.

**B** The north of Wales is one of the most beautiful parts of Britain. There are spectacular lakes, valleys and rivers. There are also wonderful mountains – including Snowdon, Britain’s second highest mountain.

**C** Two languages are spoken in Wales: English and Welsh. Welsh is a Celtic language and it is one of the oldest languages in Europe. Only 20% of the total population of Wales speak Welsh, but in small villages and towns of west and north Wales, about 75% of people speak it as their first language.

**D** The two main industries in the north are tourism and farming. Many people come to walk and climb in the mountains or go kayaking on the river. There are lots of sheep farms in the hills, but it is difficult to make money from sheep farming, and many farms are closing. Young people have difficulty finding jobs in north Wales and many of them are leaving to get jobs in the city.

1. A – Introduction
2. B – Scenery
3. C – Language
4. D – Industry

## **5. After reading task**

**Students work in pairs and discuss sentences from the text.**

**a) Are sentences true or false (if the sentence is false correct it and find the prove in the text):**

1. Wales is the independent state.
2. There are 11 million people in Wales.
3. Britain’s highest mountain is in Wales.
4. About 600 000 people speak Welsh.
5. More people in North Wales speak Welsh as their first language than English.
6. Sheep farmers make a lot of money.

**b) Match the numbers on the board with the information in the text:**

3   11   2   2   2   20   75

( There are 3 million people in Wales and 11 million sheep.

Two languages are spoken in Wales. There are 2 main industries in Wales. Snowdon is Britain’s second highest mountain. 75% of people speak Welsh as the first language. Only 20% of the total population of Wales speak Welsh.)

## **6. Ask and answer the questions to the text. Students work in pairs.**

1. Where is Wales situated?
2. What is the population of Wales?
3. What languages are spoken in Wales?
4. Why are many sheep farms closing?
5. What industries are important in Wales?
6. Do people speak Welsh language in Wales and in what regions?

## **7. Students work in small groups and discuss:**

1. What are the advantages of living in the village, city or town?
2. What are the disadvantages?
3. Have you lived in the same place all your life?
4. Do you want to live where you are now for the rest of your life? Why? Why not?

## **8. Summing – up**

In our today's lesson we have found out information about Wales as a part of Great Britain, advantages and disadvantages of living in the city and in the country. So, the most important information about Wales are:

- It's difficult to find a job in North Wales
  - Snowdon, the second highest mountain in Britain is situated in Wales
  - Sheepfarming is the main industry in Wales...
- .....

## **9. Home task setting**

Teacher: at home write an essay about your native city, advantages and disadvantages of living in it.