

The City and the Country

Oral Activity

1. Answer the questions.

1. What is the place you live in called? 2. Were you born in this place? 3. What is the size of your city (town, village)? 4. What is most characteristic of your native place? 5. What do you like about the place where you live? 6. Do people in your place care about the beauty of the place? What do they do and what should they do? 7. Has the appearance of your place changed in the last years? How? 8. Are city people different from village people? If yes, in what way? 9. Would you like to live in this place for the rest of your life? Why Yes or No? 10. Where would you like to live in the future? In a big city, a small town or a village? Why?

Word List for the Topic

Nouns

city город (большой)

country 1. страна; 2. деревня

countryside сельская местность

environment окружающая среда

landscape 1. ландшафт; 2. пейзаж

litter мусор

pollution загрязнение

population население

rubbish мусор

rush hour час пик

town город (небольшой)

traffic транспорт, уличное движение

traffic jam пробка (в уличном движении)

Adjectives

charming очаровательный

comfortable удобный

cosy уютный

crowded переполненный, многолюдный

native родной (город и т.п.)

peaceful тихий, спокойный

picturesque живописный

rural сельский

urban городской

Verbs and Expressions

be famous for smth – быть знаменитым (чем-либо)

be situated – быть расположенным

be surrounded – быть окруженным

care for/about – заботиться о

develop развивать

improve улучшать

live in town/the city/the country/a village жить в городе/деревне

the outskirts 1. окраина (города); 2. пригород

preserve хранить, сохранять

protect охранять, защищать

2. Say which of these things you will see in a city, in a small town or in the country.

expensive shops? pretty gardens? cosy houses? a lot of litter? queues of people at the bus stops? traffic jams? lots of flowers? busy motorways? clear lakes? lots of cars? green fields and meadows? pigs and sheep? lifts and escalators?

3. Add suitable adjectives from the box to these sentences to make them more colourful.

rural urban picturesque peaceful comfortable charming cosy

1. She was sitting on a chair with a book in her hands. 2. They admired the scenery of the countryside. 3. They stayed at home and spent the evening together. 4. I like the view out of my window. 5. They live in a small flat on the ground floor. 6. This area has got several industries. 7. I enjoyed observing the landscape out of the train window.

4. Match the words with the same meaning.

1) people of the country 2) the time when crowds of people travel to and from work 3) keep safe 4) well-known for smth 5) make better 6) go all around smth 7) look after 8) a distant part of a city near city

a) care for b) rush-hour c) the outskirts d) famous e) protect f) improve g) population h) surround

5. Say it in English. городское население сельский пейзаж много мусора удобные туфли окружающая среда тихая ночь улучшать здоровье сохранять продукты защищать природу переполненный автобус 1. Этот район знаменит своими озерами. 2. Где расположена эта деревня? 3. Необходимо заботиться об окружающей среде. 4. Наш дом окружен садом. 5. Эти овощи хорошо сохраняются. 6. Такое упражнение хорошо развивает память. 7. Они два часа стояли в пробке.

6. Answer the questions. 1. What is the landscape like in your region? 2. Do you often spend peaceful evenings at home? What do you do then? 3. Is urban population in Belarus larger than rural population? 4. Is the appearance of Belarusian cities and villages steadily improving? What makes you think so? 5. Does any one of your relatives or friends live on the outskirts of Minsk or any other large city? 6. What is done in our country to protect wildlife and unique picturesque places? 7. In what way do you care for your grandparents? 8. What can you say about the environment in your area? Is it favourable or polluted?

7. In your class find someone who was born or lived for some time in a different place from where you are living now. Ask him (her) about that place, i.e.: - where he/she lived earlier; - the size of the (city/town/village); - the number of people living there; - the way the place looks; - the roads and traffic; - the places of interest; - the jobs people do; - the advantages and disadvantages of living there.