

PART 3

You are going to read an article in which four people talk about moving to the countryside from the city. For questions **16 – 30** choose from the people **A – D**. The people may be chosen more than once.

Which person

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| loves the slow rhythm of life in the countryside? | 16 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| can't stand the thought of spending all (their) life in the countryside? | 17 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| had thought life in the countryside would be quiet and relaxing? | 18 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| has always lived in a big city? | 19 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| finds living in the countryside too tiring? | 20 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| says the neighbours are curious? | 21 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| says the neighbours talk about you and what you do? | 22 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| has found a more lively atmosphere than expected? | 23 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| is looking forward to going back to the city? | 24 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| found what he/she had wished for? | 25 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| misses the city because he/she finds life in the countryside quite boring? | 26 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| says that life in the countryside is less stressful than in the city? | 27 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| spends a lot of time outdoors? | 28 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| says life in the countryside is less expensive? | 29 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| does more sport? | 30 <input type="checkbox"/> |

TIP

Similar ideas may be expressed in different texts or parts of the texts, but you must find exactly which says the same thing as the question.

Moving to the countryside

A

Steven Young

I moved to the countryside when I retired two years ago. I'd dreamt of a place where I could relax, sitting outside my cottage gazing at the stars and listening to the sounds of nature...

But what I found living in the countryside is a constant effort. If your car breaks down, as it happened to me, you need to be able to afford taxis because the public transport is so bad. If you do something weird or unusual on a social occasion, everyone in the area will know about it by the next morning. Life in the countryside definitely isn't for me. I can't wait to go back to London.

B

Julie Forbes

My husband and I had always lived in a big city but got tired of it. So we decided to move to a village in the countryside. My husband knew the place very well because he had spent his summer holidays there, at his grandmother's house. We found what we were looking for: lower prices, less traffic, better schools, lower crime rates. Living here is much less stressful than living in the city, but I often miss the city. I miss the diversity, the cultural events, the ... shopping. I know it might sound superficial, but I often get bored here and the idea of having to spend all my life here is unbearable. I don't know how to tell my husband though. He is so happy to live here!

C

Dave Green

It's been five years since we moved here to Devon village from Manchester (where I lived most of my life). I love the slow pace of life in the countryside. I love the constant contact with the cycles of nature. I used to watch a lot of TV but now it seems unnecessary and loud. Instead I spend a lot of time in my orchard growing my own vegetables and at the weekend I go for long walks with my husband.

My children also love it, they entertain themselves playing with simple stuff like balls and sticks. What I really don't like is that everyone in the neighbourhood – that's to say an area of about five square miles around us – knows everything about you.

D

Dana White

I moved to the countryside when I was still working. I was tired of crime, high prices and a hectic big city lifestyle. Then I said "OK, now it's time to move to the country lifestyle and convenience". I rented a spacious family home which cost me the half of what I paid for my two-room flat in London. We live a couple of miles from town, which is much more lively than we expected: there are many sporting, social, arts and cultural attractions that keep us entertained!

For me moving to the countryside meant great outdoors, a beautiful environment, and sports activities. I do a lot of sports now. Also my 12-year-old son who spent hours playing videogames now spends much more time playing with his new mates. Yes, it certainly was the right choice.

