



Lesson 74: Countryside or City

Exercise 01

Vocabulary

grow up	(PHRV)	to become older or an adult	I grew up in Japan but now I live in America.
as a matter of fact	(PHRASE)	actually	As a matter of fact , I have some money.
mingle	(V)	to meet and talk to a lot of people	At parties, she's very good at mingling .
make (one's) way	(PHRASE)	to make progress and be successful	You need to make your way to the top.
make sense	(PHRASE)	to be easy to understand	I think your plan makes sense .
physical	(ADJ)	related to the body	He likes to show off his physical strength.
mental	(ADV)	related to the mind	Chess helps children develop their mental abilities.
diligent	(ADJ)	working hard with care and effort	He is one of the company's most diligent employees.
honestly	(ADV)	in an honest way, to tell the truth	Honestly , I have never thought about it.



Exercise 02

Dialogue Practice

Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Nathan and Lauren talk about where they grew up.



Lauren

Nathan, did you grow up in the countryside or in the city?



Nathan

As a matter of fact, I spent my childhood in the countryside. Why do you ask?



Lauren

Well, I was born and raised in the city. I sometimes think that people raised in the countryside and those raised in the city differ.



Nathan

How so?



Lauren

Some people say that those raised in the countryside work harder and are friendlier.



Nathan

I disagree. It is true that people from the countryside may be friendlier because they mingle with each other more often, but you also need to be diligent to make your way in the city.



Lauren

That makes sense. I guess jobs in the countryside may require physical skills, while jobs in cities need more mental skills.



Check your understanding:

- Where were Lauren and Nathan raised?
- In Nathan's opinion, how do people from the countryside and the city differ?
- What do they think are the similarities between countryside and city people?

Exercise 03**Role Play**

Role-play the following situation with your teacher.

Situation:

- You were raised in the countryside, and your teacher was raised in the city.
- Discuss the positives and negatives of living in both places.

Exercise 04**Discussion**

- 1) Where were you born and raised? Did you like it?
- 2) Do you think people from the countryside and people from the city are different? If so, how?
- 3) Which do you like more, living in the countryside or the city? Why?
- 4) Would you switch places (from the countryside to the city or vice versa) because of work?
- 5) Is it healthier to live in the countryside? Why do you think so?

