



Village and City Life

Task: The advantages and disadvantages of living in a town

Activity 1: Listening

Welcome to a practice listening task for the GESE 7.

You are going to hear a talk about **the advantages and disadvantages of living in a town**. You will hear the talk twice. The first time, just listen. Then I'll ask you to tell me generally what the speaker is talking about. Are you ready?

Audio Script

Have you ever thought of what it is like to live in a town? It certainly has its advantages and disadvantages. When you are thinking about moving to a town, you must think of both and decide if it is a right choice for you.

One really great thing about being in a town is that you may have heard that people that visit or live in a town are shown friendliness and hospitality from the local people since there is more of a sense of community. Another thing is that town life is often more economical than living in the city, which can help with buying or renting a house and buying local food. You should also think that the environment is usually cleaner and it can be easier to travel around a town on foot to get to different places. Furthermore, it is safer because there tends to be less crime. Also, you will find town living often is low on stress and can be relaxing due to all the nature in its surroundings.

When living in a small town, it might be hard to find a job. So, if you live in a small town and work in another place, you will have to commute there. Also, there is likely to be limited entertainment sources, so sometimes it could feel a little boring. Another aspect of living in a small town is that it ought to be considered the lack of privacy. Although the closeness of a town is something wonderful, it can also be difficult when gossip and unwanted attention is upon you.

All in all, it seems that the benefits of towns outweigh the drawbacks. If I were you, I would try to enjoy the advantages that a town has to offer. However, if you are not used to a slower pace of life, it could be difficult to adjust to this lifestyle. What is your ideal place to live, a town or a city?

Can you tell me in one or two sentences what the speaker was talking about?

Now listen to the talk again. This time make some notes as you listen, if you want to. Then I'll ask you to tell me **the advantages and disadvantages of living in a town**.

Now tell me **the advantages and disadvantages of living in a town**. You have one minute to talk.



This is the end of the listening task.

Answers:

Advantages of living in a town	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Friendliness and hospitality of local people / sense of community● More economical: buying or renting house / local food● Environment cleaner● Easier to travel● Safer / less Crime● Less stress / relaxing because of nature and its surroundings
Disadvantages of living in a town	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Hard to find a job● Have to commute out to work● Limited entertainment sources● Lack of privacy / Gossip and unwanted attention

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