Town and country life

A

City life

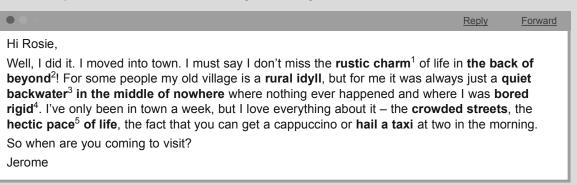
Read this advertisement for new houses in the city and note the collocations.



¹ full of busy activity

B Country life versus city life

Jerome has just moved from his home village into a big town. He emails Rosie about it.



¹ appeal that is simple and picturesque

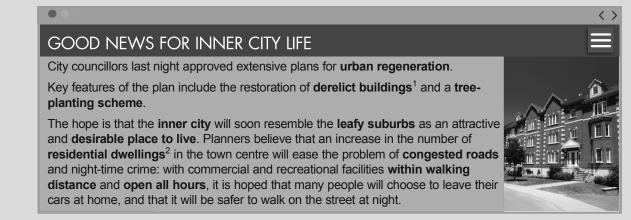
² an extremely isolated place

³ a quiet, isolated village

⁴ (informal) extremely bored ⁵ very busy and fast pace

City Council plans

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¹ buildings that are not cared for and are in a very bad condition ² (formal, official) homes

English Collocations in Use Advanced

Exercises

32.1 Complete each sentence with *the city* and *the country* in the correct space.

- 1 There is a less hectic pace of life in than in
- 2 It's much easier to hail a taxi in than in
- 3 You are less likely to find reliable public transport in than in
- 4 You are more likely to find rustic charm in than in
- 5 You are more likely to find congested roads in than in

32.2 Explain the difference in meaning between the sentences in each pair.

- 1 The roads are very congested. The streets are very crowded.
- 2 We live in the inner city. They live in the leafy suburbs.
- 3 He lives in a quiet backwater. She lives in a bustling city centre.
- 4 I enjoy urban living. I love my rural idyll.

32.3 Put the collocations in the box into pairs that are similar in meaning.

city life long opening hours rustic charm in the back of beyond open all hours urban living in the middle of nowhere rural idyll

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32.4 Rewrite the underlined part of each sentence using a collocation from the opposite page.

- 1 The village is regarded as a <u>quiet place where nothing happens</u>, but the people who live there love it.
- 2 She lives in a simple cottage miles away from any other inhabited places.
- 3 The government plans to provide funds to subsidise <u>the modernisation and improvement of</u> <u>our cities</u>.
- 4 The city announced <u>a plan to plant more trees</u>.
- 5 The south side of the city is <u>an area where many people would like to have a home</u>.
- 6 The city council has declared that part of the town may only be used for people's homes.

32.5 Find collocations on the opposite page with the opposite meaning to these phrases.

1smart, modern buildings2quiet roads (2 answers)3a quiet city centre4urban decay5the urban nightmare6restricted opening times(2 answers)

32.6

Cambridge

Dictionary

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- Use a dictionary to find three collocations for these words. 1 countryside
- i countryside
- 2 landscape
- 3 village(s)

32.7 Answer these questions.

- 1 Do any types of TV programmes or films bore you rigid? If so, what types?
- 2 Would you consider living in a remote country village in your country to be living in a rural idyll?
- 3 Do you have a reliable public transport system in the place where you live?
- 4 Are there any derelict buildings where you live?
- 5 What sort of facilities are there within walking distance of the house or flat where you live?