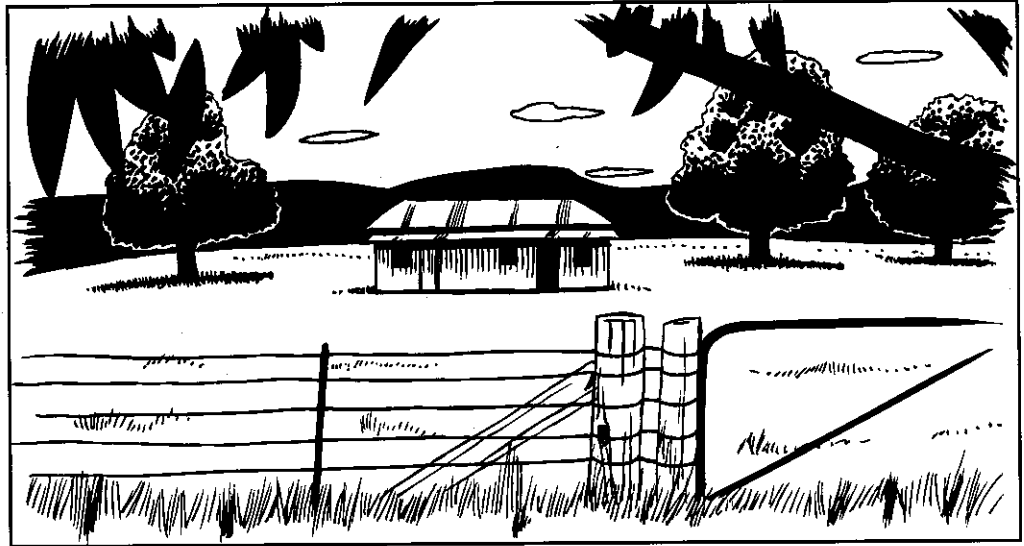


Fact or opinion - 2

Read the exposition.

The country life is for me!

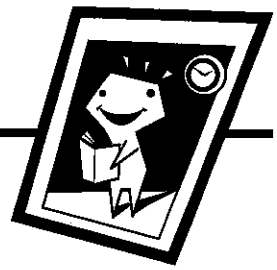
1. I think that living in the country is better than living in the city. My family lived for three years in the city and I was so glad when we moved back to the country.



2. The best thing by far about living in the country is the space and the beautiful, fresh air. In the city, all you can smell is petrol fumes from the exhausts of vehicles. Air pollution from transport and factories in the city can be harmful to your health.
3. The city is a very noisy place. You can hardly hear yourself speak over the noise of vehicle engines running, horns blaring and brakes squealing. Air-conditioning vents leading out from buildings are also noisy.
4. Everyone in the city is always in a hurry. People rush on their way to work, hurry to do things in their lunch hour and look unhappy. You hardly ever hear anyone saying 'Good morning' or 'Good afternoon' or give you a smile. In the country, people always greet you with a smile and take time to have a chat.
5. There are more traffic lights and busy roads in the city. The traffic is always stop-start, with drivers changing lanes, trying to get where they are going a bit quicker. It's dangerous! In the country, the only thing that might stop you is a stray cow on the road.
6. In the city, there are so many adults and children catching trains and buses to work or school, you feel like a sardine squashed up in a tin. In the country, our school bus has plenty of spare seats.
7. There are more shops in the city where you can waste your pocket money on unnecessary things. You can save a lot more by living in the country.
8. Yes, after living in both places, all I can say is that the country life is for me!

Fact or opinion

Try it out



Use the strategies you learnt and practised in A plant that eats insects to work out facts and opinions.

- Ask yourself:
Can the statement be checked to see if it is correct? If it can, it is a fact.
Is it what someone thinks is true and can't be checked? If so, it is an opinion.
- Check all the answers before making a decision.

1. Which sentence is an opinion?

- (a) The writer lived for three years in the city.
- (b) There are more traffic lights in the city.
- (c) The writer was glad to move back to the country.
- (d) People look unhappy in the city.

The best answer is .

Think!

An opinion is something that someone believes is true. Which sentence tells what someone thinks is true?

2. Which sentence is a fact?

- (a) Air pollution from transport and factories can be harmful.
- (b) Everyone in a city is always in a hurry.
- (c) The city is a very noisy place.
- (d) People always stop for a chat in the country.

The best answer is .

3. Read this sentence and write one fact and one opinion.

There are more shops in the city where you can waste your money.

Fact: _____

Opinion: _____

Read Paragraph 6 and write two opinions.

Opinion: _____

Opinion: _____