

City and countryside

Lesson 1

shopping centres / malls
commercial buildings farms forest ...

Vocabulary lesson



Time limit: 15 min

In a city:



- ◆ **Shopping centres / malls** are buildings with many shops and restaurants.
- ◆ **Apartment blocks / block of flats** are buildings where people live. There are a lot of flats / apartments in a building.
- ◆ **Commercial buildings** are buildings where people work and do business. Examples are office buildings, hotels, cinemas and shopping malls.
- ◆ **Museums** are buildings where important historical, scientific or artistic objects are kept and shown to the public.

In the countryside:



- ◆ **Farms:** places where farmers grow crops, such as vegetables and corns.
- ◆ **Forest:** a large area of land with many trees.
- ◆ **Fields:** large open areas where farmers raise livestock, such as cows and sheep.
- ◆ **Rivers:** streams of water flowing into the sea.
- ◆ **Cottages:** small houses where people live or stay for holiday in the countryside.

Practice in context



Time limit: 12 min

I. You are doing a puzzle in a book. Complete each of the following sentences with one word, and write the words in the grid. You will find a new word by reading down (↓) the shaded spaces in the grid.

1. A c_____a is a place where you watch films.
2. A r_____t is a place where people buy and eat a meal.
3. A c_____e is a small house in the countryside.
4. A m_____m is a building where you can see objects in the past.
5. A f_____m is a place in the countryside where food is grown.
6. A f_____d is an area of open land in the countryside.

Time: 6 min

1.			c					a		
2.	r									t
3.			c						e	
4.	m					m				
5.			f			m				
6.			f				d			

Now use the word in the shaded spaces to complete this sentence:

'I enjoy living in the countryside because I love _____.'

II. Daniel is writing a letter to his penfriend Carson, but he has used some words wrongly. There are SEVEN mistakes. Underline the mistakes and write the correct answers above them. The first one has been done for you. Time: 6 min

Dear Carson,

I live on the top floor in an apartment ^{block}building. Although it is convenient living in the commercial centre, I would rather live in the nature. I often visit my aunt Janie, who lives in a small court in Yuen Long. She is a farmer and owns a large museum. She grows different kinds of livestock, such as lettuce, tomatoes and strawberries. I like spending my free time at her place. It's really wonderful to live there. You can relax, enjoy fresh air, the peace and the beauty of the countryside every day. It is quite different from the hustle and bustle of big forests.

How about you? Do you like living in the city? Or do you prefer living in the suburbs? Write soon!

Best wishes,

Daniel



Lesson 2

go shopping watch films go for a walk
enjoy the scenery ...

Vocabulary lesson



Time limit: 15 min

Two men are talking about why they like living in a city or in the countryside:

This is Mr Chan. He lives on a farm in the countryside.

This is Mr Wong. He lives in an apartment block in a big city.

I like the countryside because it's really **peaceful**. There's a lot to do in the countryside. You can **go for a walk**, **swim in the river** and **enjoy the scenery** and wildlife.

There are even more things to do in cities. You can **go shopping**, **watch films** at a cinema and **visit museums**.



Here are some useful adjectives to describe a city and the countryside:

City:	crowded, polluted, busy, exciting, noisy
Countryside:	quiet, peaceful, simple, remote, boring

Useful expressions

- I like **exploring** the countryside.
- You can enjoy the delightful **scenery** and **tranquillity** in the countryside.
- The flat offers **stunning views** of the city.

Practice in context



Time limit: 15 min

- I. Your teacher has written some mistakes from her students homework on the board. She wants you to find them and make corrections. The first one has been done for you. ⌚ Time: 5 min
1. Every Saturday, I make shopping in the shopping centre. _____
 2. I really love natures. _____
 3. I like the countryside because I think a scenery is beautiful. _____
 4. Let's go to a walk in the countryside. _____
 5. My grandparents live in the countryside and they like to swim in the rivers. _____
 6. There is a good views from my flat. _____
 7. I think the countryside is very bored. _____
 8. There's a lots to do in the city. _____
- II. Your penfriend has sent you an email. Unfortunately, your computer has gone wrong and some of the words are missing. Complete it with the correct words. ⌚ Time: 10 min

Dear Doris,

I live in a small house in a village on Lantau Island. Although the village is in the (1) _____ and it is difficult to get to other places in the city centre, I like living here. Unlike other places in Hong Kong (Mong Kok, for example, which is always noisy and full of people), Lantau Island is (2) _____, less (3) _____ and the (4) _____ is spectacular. My family and I often go for a (5) _____, or go (6) _____ at the beach at the weekend. Sometimes my friends and I take the ferry to Tsim Sha Tsui to go (7) _____, watch a (8) _____ at the cinema or visit a (9) _____ to see an exhibition. How about you? Do you live in a (10) _____ or in the countryside? Do you like it? What do you do at weekends? Write soon!

Best wishes,
Jane

Test station

List of tests and related topics:

Test	Related topic	Day
1	Shopping	2 (pp.6, 8)
	On holiday (1)	4 (pp.14, 16)
	On holiday (2)	5 (pp.18, 20)
	Eating out	6 (pp.22, 24)
2	City and countryside	1 (pp.2, 4)
	Shopping	2 (pp.6, 8)
	On holiday (1)	4 (pp.14, 16)
	Eating out	6 (pp.22, 24)
	The weather	7 (pp.26, 28)
3	Animals and other creatures	8 (pp.30, 32)
	Everyday problems and solutions	12 (pp.46, 48)
4	Communications	9 (pp.34, 36)
	Cinema and television	10 (pp.38, 40)
5	The media	11 (pp.42, 44)
	Social problems and natural disasters	13 (pp.42, 44)
6	Social problems and natural disasters	13 (pp.50, 52)
	Crime and the law	14 (pp.54, 56)

Test 1



Time limit: 10 min

You are talking to a travel agent about a holiday you are planning. Complete the following dialogue using the vocabulary items from Day 2, Day 4, Day 5 and Day 6. You may have to write more than one word in some spaces.

You: Hello. I'd like to go on an accompanied tour of Tokyo from 3 August to 8 August. Can you tell me if you have places available then?

Agent: Sure. Please wait a moment while I check this on our computer system.

(After a few moments ...)

Agent: Yes. We still have a few vacancies for a tour from 3 August to 8 August. This tour doesn't give you much time for (1) _____ — we'll take you to Mount Fuji, some famous Japanese temples and a couple of museums, but because of the tight schedule we have, we won't be able to stay there long. However, we'll give you plenty of time for (2) _____ in some of the Tokyo department stores, where you'll find lots of things to buy such as (3) _____ for

your friends. The tour will also give you the chance to try some delicious (4) _____ foods, such as sushi and Japanese noodles, from the food (5) _____ on the street. On the last two days of the tour, we'll take you to two (6) _____ parks: Hello Kitty Land and Tokyo Disneyland.

You: That sounds great! How about the accommodation? Will we be staying in a five-star (7) _____?

Agent: Yes. We'll be staying at the Tokyo Hotel. The service and the (8) _____ there are great. There's a (9) _____ centre where you can have a massage and a large (10) _____, where you can swim 24 hours a day.

You: Well, I'm not planning to go swimming, but I think I'll book a place on the tour.

Agent: Great. All right, let me give you details of the tour ...

Score

Test 2



Time limit: 10 min

Here is one of your diary entries, but some words are missing. Complete the diary entry using the vocabulary items from Day 1, Day 2, Day 4, Day 6 and Day 7. You may need to write more than one word in some spaces.

It was a bad day.

I went to a beach with my best friend today. As the weather forecast said it was going to be a sunny day, we planned to (1) _____ on the beach. However, when we arrived, the (2) _____ sun disappeared! The black (3) _____ appeared overhead and it started raining. Within seconds, we heard thunder and saw lightning in the sky. We knew that a (4) _____ was coming, so we decided to leave.

After that, we went shopping in a (5) _____ on Nathan Road. We went into a (6) _____ there because I wanted to buy a new badminton racket. I asked the shop (7) _____ to show me their latest product, but he was so rude and unhelpful that we left without buying anything!

After that, we went to an Italian (8) _____ for lunch. The food was so terrible that we wondered if the (9) _____ knew anything at all about Italian food. We were very disappointed, but we finished the food anyway because we were so hungry. After the meal, we asked the waitress for the (10) _____. We were really shocked when we saw that the meal had cost \$800. We each had to pay \$400! We were furious!

Why were we so unlucky today?

Score

Revision cards

DAY 1

City and countryside



shopping centres / malls



apartment blocks



farms



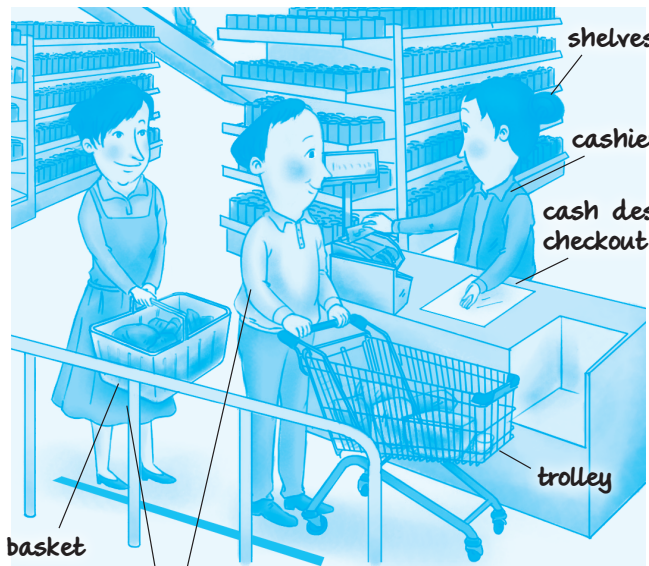
forest

Useful adjectives:

City:	crowded	polluted	busy	exciting	noisy
Countryside:	quiet	peaceful	simple	remote	boring

DAY 2

Shopping



basket

customers

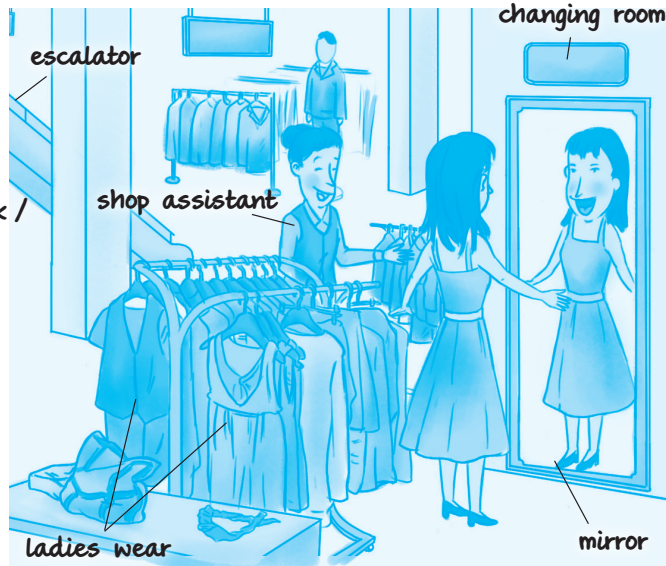
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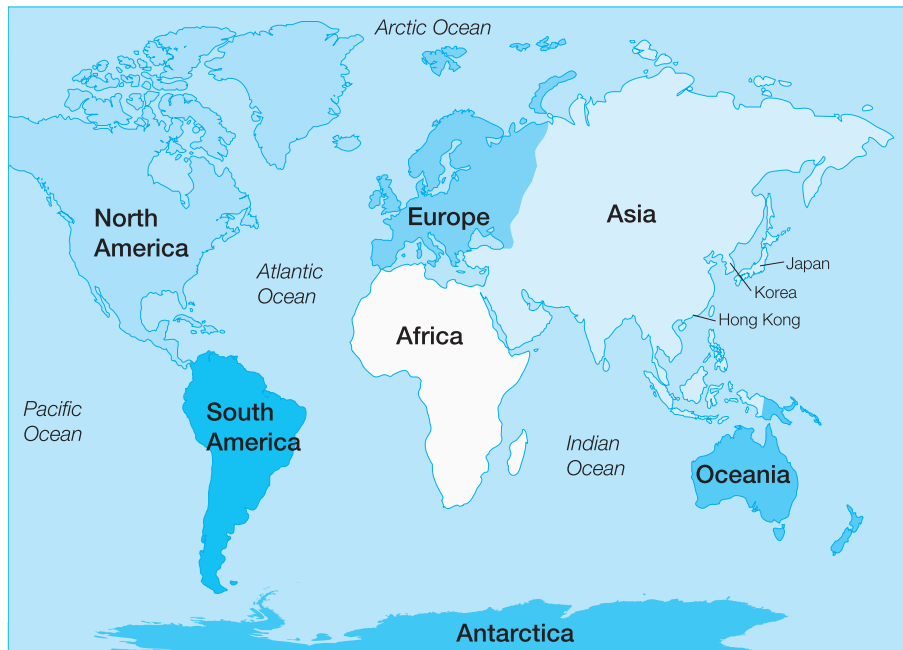
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department store

DAY 3

Around the world



DAY 4

On holiday (1)



coach tour



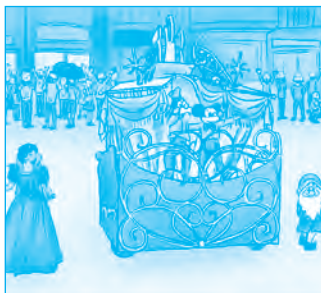
camping holiday



adventure / activity holiday



package tour



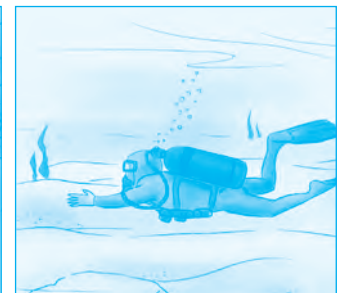
go to festivals, carnivals or parades



go to / visit museums and art galleries



go to / visit wildlife parks



go scuba diving