

HELLO

A vibrant, stylized graphic of the word "HELLO" in a bold, bubbly, comic book font. The letters are multi-colored: 'H' is pink, 'e' is teal, 'l' is yellow, 'l' is orange, and 'o' is red. Each letter has a thick black outline and a white highlight, giving it a 3D effect. The word is contained within a speech bubble shape with a teal top and bottom and a yellow/orange middle. The background is a light gray crumpled paper texture with a halftone dot pattern behind the speech bubble.

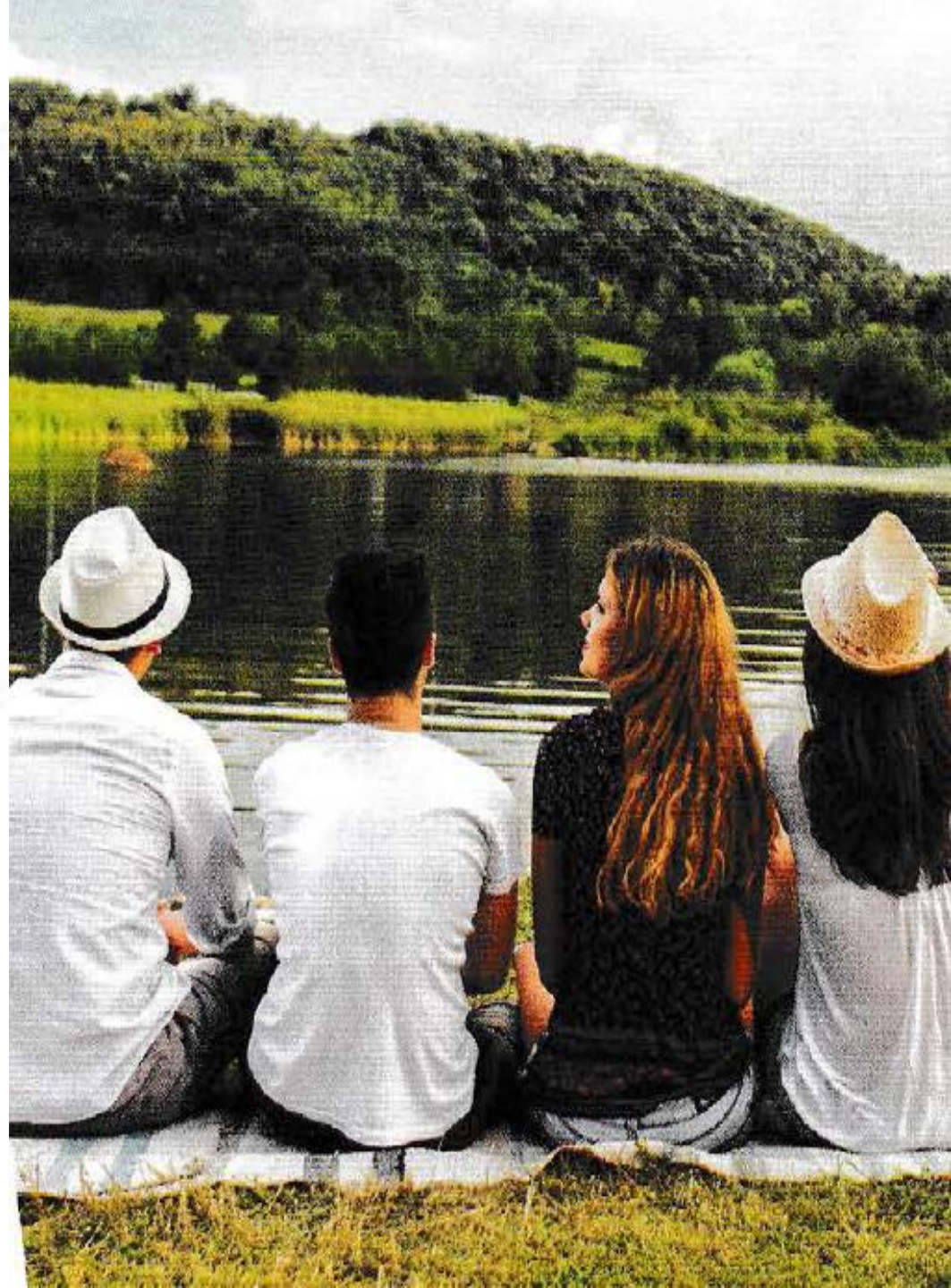
What are the advantages and disadvantages of living in a country?



2 Listen to an interview with Bess and Mr Evans. In general, do they agree or disagree?

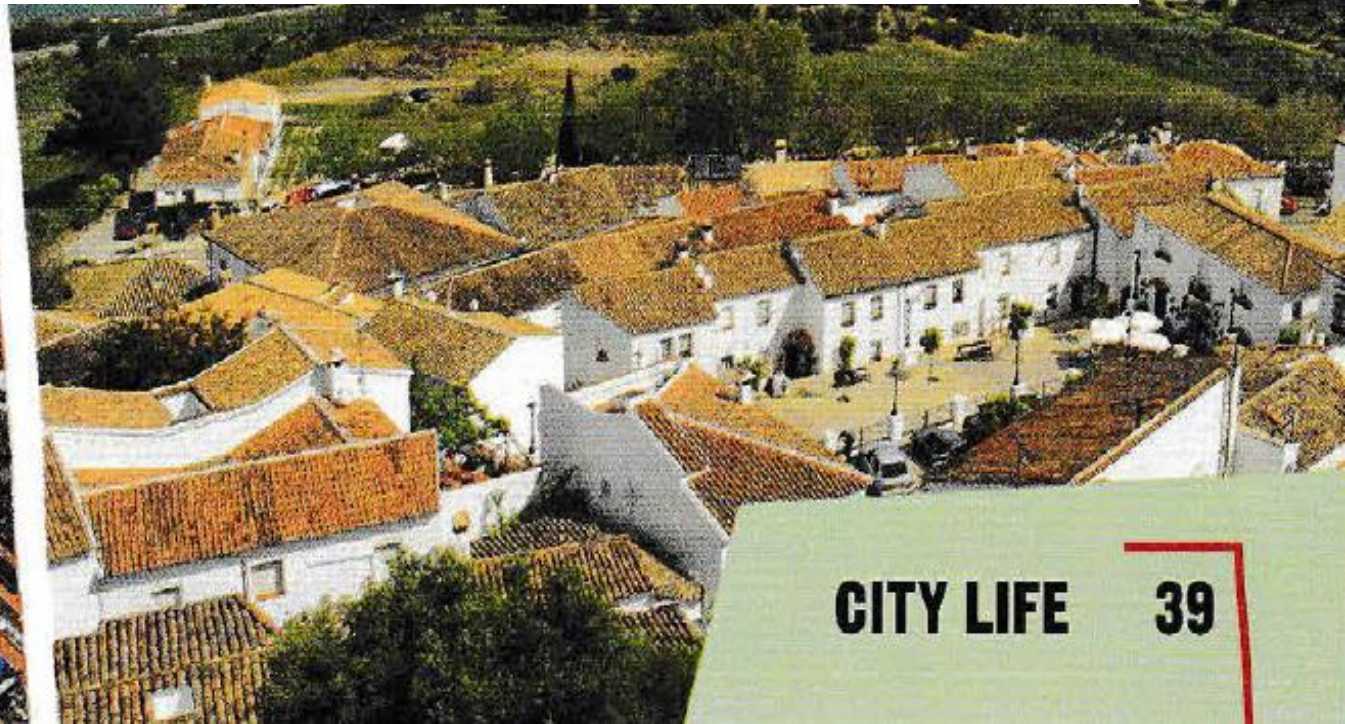
3 Read the sentences carefully and check any new words. Then listen again and choose the correct words.

- 1 Mr Evans lives in the *country* / *city*.
- 2 Bess *lives* / *lived* in the same place as Mr Evans.
- 3 Mr Evans thinks Bess is *sometimes* / *never* late for school.
- 4 Mr Evans thinks villages need better *roads* / *public transport*.
- 5 Bess thinks the problem with rubbish is *worse* / *better* where she lives now.
- 6 Bess thinks we should do more *cleaning* / *recycling* in this country.



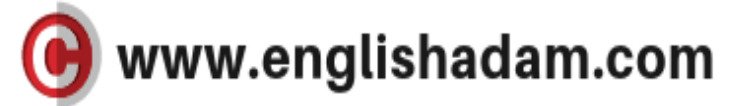
Look at the two photos below. What can you see?

4 Discuss which place in the photos below you would prefer to live in. Use phrases from the *Prepare to speak* box to agree and disagree.



Agree & Disagree

Degrees of Agreement and Disagreement



Agree Strongly

I couldn't agree with you more!

You are absolutely right!



Agree

I agree with you.

I think you are right.



Partly Agree

That is mostly correct.

I agree with you in principle, however...



Disagree

I'm afraid I can't really agree.

I am sorry, I disagree with that.



Strongly Disagree

That is completely wrong, sorry.

I'm sorry, I couldn't agree with you less.

2 Listen to Alice and Oliver talking about the places.
What do they agree on?

3 Read the *Prepare to speak* box. Then listen again.

Which phrases do Alice and Oliver use? Write A or O next to each phrase.



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Asking for an opinion

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Do you agree?

Do you think ...?

Agreeing

That's true.

Yes, maybe you're right.

I completely agree with ...

Disagreeing

I'm not sure I agree.

I don't think so.

I don't agree.

5 Prepare your ideas on two of the topics below.

- 1** going to the cinema / watching films at home
- 2** going to a concert / listening to music on headphones
- 3** cycling / using public transport
- 4** living in an apartment building / living in a house
- 5** holidays at the beach / holidays in cities

6. Discuss the topics in exercise 5. Use phrases from the prepare to speak box to agree and disagree.

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