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A2 Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Childhood Memories in English - Engaging ESL Worksheet

A. Read the text

EMILY, USA

When I was a little girl, I lived in a small village in Texas. We lived on a farm with lots of animals. It was very relaxing and quiet. You could hear the birds singing in the morning.

It was great during the week because I was with my friends at school and we had lots of after-school activities. But there wasn't much to do at the weekend when I was at home. My school friends and I couldn't meet because there were no buses. I could only watch TV. It was so boring.

Now that I'm older, my parents moved to New York City. It's easier now to be with my friends because I can take the bus or the underground to everywhere I want to go. My favourite place is the shopping centres. I always hang out with my friends there.

LUKAS, GERMANY

I live in a big city in Germany, and it's quite exciting! There are lots of things to do. My parents bought a flat near a park where I can ride my bike or go skateboarding. My brother is older than me, so I also go to the cinema with him. The city library is a great place too. I usually meet my friends there, and we do our school projects or study together.

Of course, living in a big city is not easy. City life can be fast, tiring, and stressful. The streets are always crowded and noisy. Because of the cars, the air is polluted sometimes. People are so busy that they rarely have time for their neighbours or friends. But I can't see myself moving to the countryside. I just love living in the city too much.

B. Read the text again and answer the questions.

What did Emily do at the weekends in the country?

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Why is the city such an interesting place for Lukas?

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C. Match the sentences (a-d) with the sentences (1-5)

- a. Emily lived in the countryside ____
- b. She could hear the birds singing ____
- c. She had to stay at home at the weekend ____
- d. She only had fun ____
- e. In the city, she can meet her friends ____

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D. Complete the sentences about Lukas.

Lukas likes to _____ in the park.

He is younger _____.

He likes meeting his friends _____.

E. Can you find the synonyms of the words given below?

(synonym = the word with the same meaning)

silent (paragraph 1) _____

uninteresting (paragraph 2) _____

exhausting (paragraph 5) _____

full of people (paragraph 5) _____

loud (paragraph 5) _____

not fresh or clean (paragraph 5) _____

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B. Read the text again and answer the questions.

What did Emily do at the weekends in the country?

Answer Key: She could only watch TV because she couldn't meet her friends.

Why is the city such an interesting place for Lucas?

Answer Key: Because there are lots of things to do and he can ride his bike, go skateboarding, and meet friends at the library.

C. Match the sentences (a-d) with the sentences (1-5)

- a. Emily lived in the countryside ___ 3. when she was younger.
- b. She could hear the birds singing ___ 5. because it was very peaceful.
- c. She had to stay at home at the weekend ___ 4. because there were no public transports.
- d. She only had fun ___ 2. when she was at school with her friends.
- e. In the city she can meet her friends ___ 1. at the shopping centre whenever she wants.

D. Complete the sentences about Lucas.

Lucas likes to _____ in the park.

Answer Key: ride his bike or go skateboarding.

He is younger _____.

Answer Key: than his brother.

He likes meeting his friends _____.

Answer Key: at the library to do school projects.

E. Can you find the synonyms of the words given below? (synonym = the word with the same meaning)

silent (paragraph 1) _____

Answer Key: quiet

uninteresting (paragraph 2) _____

Answer Key: boring

exhausting (paragraph 5) _____

Answer Key: tiring

full of people (paragraph 5) _____

Answer Key: crowded

loud (paragraph 5) _____

Answer Key: noisy

not fresh or clean (paragraph 5) _____

Answer Key: polluted