

**Read the text carefully and then fill in the chart with suitable information from the text**

Living in a big city has both advantages and disadvantages. On the plus side, it is often easier to find work, and there is usually a choice of public transport, so you don't need to own a car. Also, there are a lot of interesting to do and places to see.

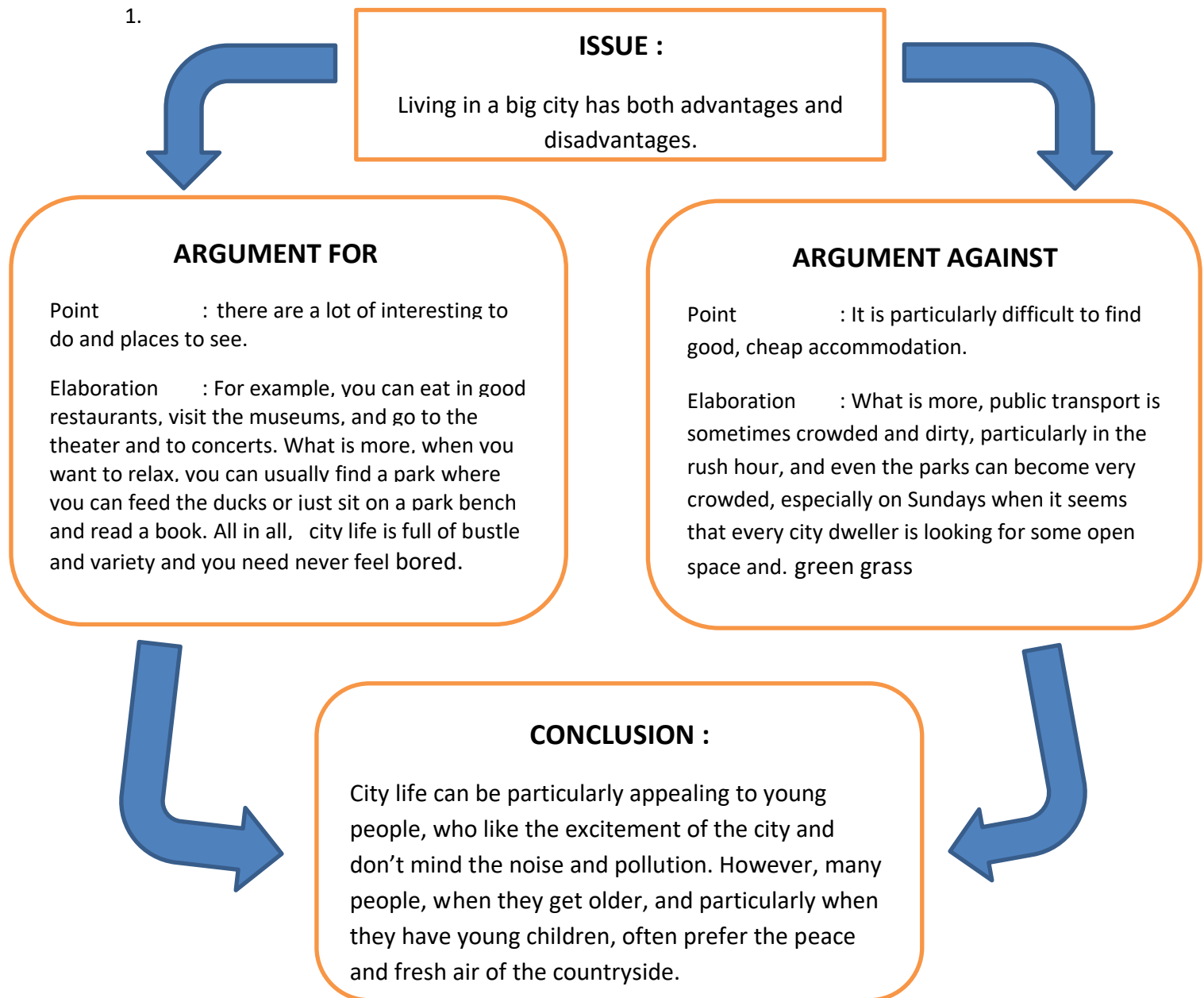
For example, you can eat in good restaurants, visit the museums, and go to the theater and to concerts. What is more, when you want to relax, you can usually find a park where you can feed the ducks or just sit on a park bench and read a book. All in all, city life is full of bustle and variety and you need never feel bored.

However, for every plus there is a minus. For one thing, you might have a job, but unless it is very well paid, you will not be able to afford many of the things that there are to do, because living in a big city is often very expensive.

It is particularly difficult to find good, cheap accommodation. What is more, public transport is sometimes crowded and dirty, particularly in the rush hour, and even the parks can become very crowded, especially on Sundays when it seems that every city dweller is looking for some open space and green grass. Last of all, despite all the crowds, it is still possible to feel very lonely in a city.

In conclusion, I think that city life can be particularly appealing to young people, who like the excitement of the city and don't mind the noise and pollution. However, many people, when they get older, and particularly when they have young children, often prefer the peace and fresh air of the countryside.

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2. The followings are interesting places you may (paragraph 2), **except** . . .

- A. museum, restaurant, park
- B. theatre, concert , park
- C. restaurant, city hall, mall
- D. museum, concert, theatre
- E. park, restaurant, museum

3. State whether the statement is true or false by giving (v) mark on the correct column

Statement	True	False
a. People will feel lonely if they live in a big city		v
b. One of the benefit of living in a city is that the parks are always crowded		v
c. Paragraph 3 tells the disadvantages of living in a big city	v	
d. People are prohibited to have private cars as there are many alternatives of public transportation.		v
e. Older people may move to country side because they can't stand the noise and pollution in the city.	v	

4. Last of all, despite all the crowds, it is still possible to feel very lonely in a city. What do you think of the sentence? Explain briefly.
- In big cities we can still feel lonely because the number of people has no effect on how people respond to us. People are more focused on themselves and on their own business so there is no space for us to socialize with them. This is very common in big cities.