



Countryside or City

Conversation > Intermediate 6



Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

grow up	To become older or an adult.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: I grew up in Italy but now I live in America.</i>

as a matter of fact	Actually.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: As a matter of fact, I have some money.</i>

mingle	To meet and talk to a lot of people.
[verb]	<i>Ex: At parties, she's very good at mingling.</i>

make (one's) way	To make progress and be successful.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: You need to make your way to the top.</i>

make sense	To be easy to understand.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: I think your plan makes sense.</i>



physical	Related to the body.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: He likes to show off his physical strength.</i>

mental	Related to the mind.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: Chess helps children develop their mental abilities.</i>

diligent	Working hard with care and effort.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: He is one of the company's most diligent employees.</i>

honestly	In an honest way, to tell the truth.
[adverb]	<i>Ex: Honestly, I have never thought about it.</i>



Exercise 2 – Dialogue

Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.

Kate: Tom, did you grow up in the countryside or in the city?

Tom: As a matter of fact, I spent my childhood in the countryside. Why do you ask?

Kate: Oh, there's no reason. I was born and raised in the city.

Tom: That must've been cool.

Kate: Honestly, I sometimes think that people raised in the countryside and those raised in the city differ.

Tom: Really? What do you mean, Kate?



Kate: Some people say that those raised in the countryside work harder and are friendlier.

Tom: I disagree on that matter. It doesn't make sense to me.

Kate: How so, Tom?

Tom: Because you need to be diligent to make your way in the city.

Kate: I guess jobs in the countryside may require physical skills, while jobs in cities need more mental skills.

Tom: Yeah. People from the countryside may be friendlier because they mingle with each other more, tho.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.

Answer Pool

mental
honestly
diligent
mingle
physical
make my way
make sense
grows up
As a matter of fact

1. Can I speak _____? I'm not happy with my working conditions here.
2. If you don't _____, you'll never make friends at this office.
3. He's suffering from _____ illness.
4. Some people enjoy watching _____ violence.
5. _____, I'll go out with you. I've changed my mind.
6. He is so _____ he often works extra hours.
7. I will _____ to the top of this industry.
8. When she _____, she wants to be an entertainer.
9. This doesn't _____. Can you help me understand it?



Exercise 4 – Role Play

Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.

Scene: You were raised in the countryside, and your friend Nate was raised in the city. Discuss the positives and negatives of living in both places. The teacher can be Nate.



Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

1. Where were you born and raised? Did you like it?
2. Do you think people from the countryside and people from the city are different? If so, how?
3. Which do you like more, living in the countryside or the city? Why?
4. Would you switch places (from the countryside to the city or vice versa) because of work?
5. Is it healthier to live in the countryside? Why do you think so?