**Тема: Living in the city or in the village**

1. **Guess what is being said: city or village**

1. It`s a nice, quiet place, with beautiful nature, and everything is easy to do.

2. The people are friendly and kind-hearted.

3. Life is too (слишком) quiet and easy.

4. Life is more exciting and interesting.

5. There are a lot of theatres and museums.

6. You can have a great time in a fitness or at the cinema.

7. You can meet a lot of interesting people.

8. You know everybody.

9. Life is more dangerous.

10. The streets are full of people, cars and buses.

11. Life is unhealthy.

12. Life is healthier.

**II. Write the key words down, then read the text and do the exercise after it**

**Vocabulary**

**Dull**-скучный

**Hustle and bustle**– шум и суета

**Inspiration** – вдохновение

**Close at hand** – под рукой

**Community spirit** – дух сообщества

**Put up with** – смириться с

**Constant**– постоянный

**To be in one’s element** – быть счастливым от того, что делаешь

**Down under** – зд. Австралия

**Drought**– засуха

**Crops** – крупы, зерновые

**Local facilities- инфраструктура**

A CITY SLICKER OR A COUNTRY LOVER?

1. Hi! My name is Stephen and I live in a tiny flat in Brixton, south-west London. I chose to live here because there is never a dull moment in a city like London. I’m an art student and the hustle and bustle of so many people in one area is the inspiration for a lot of my painting. Another advantage of city life is having everything you need so close at hand. Living beside the Tube station means I don’t need a car to get around, which saves me money. Also there are shopping centers, art galleries and museums everywhere.

Of course, London like any large city has its problems, too. Londoners don’t chat on the Tube or the bus and there is much less community spirit than in the country, where my parents live. In fact, they don’t understand how I can put up with the constant noise and pollution, and traffic congestion. However, I see that as a small price to pay. I’m in my element here in the heart of this fine city. As a famous poet once said, “He who is tired of London is tired of life.”

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2. Hello! – or G’day, as we say down under. My name is Marianna and I live in New South Wales, Australia, on a huge ranch called The Rain River Land. It’s a beautiful area with fantastic scenery. I live here with my husband Joe and our two children? Patrick, 11, and Abby,8.

We have lived on this ranch for several years and love our healthy lifestyle. We have 70, 00 hectares of land, so the children have lots of space to run around and enjoy the peace and quiet. The air is clean and fresh and we produce a lot of our own food so we are sure that what we eat is fresh. There’s lots of hard work to do running a ranch but we don’t mind.

Of course, there are some negative aspects to life out here. There are often droughts in Australia and sometimes we can’t grow any crops for months. We feel isolated sometimes, too, especially since the nearest neighbours are almost 100 km away. Another problem is that many things are not as easy available as in the city. There are no local facilities such as schools, supermarkets and shops, and if we are ill we have to call the flying doctor.

Although life here can be difficult, we wouldn’t change it for the world.

**Mark the sentences as true or false (if they are false correct them)**

1.Stephen is a professional painter.

2.Stephen thinks using public transport is cheaper than travelling by car.

3.Stephen’s parents don’t like the noise of London.

4.Stephen is tired of living in London.

5.Marianna and her family have lived on the ranch for most of their lives.

6.Life on a ranch has some advantages.

7.Marianna doesn’t have any neighbours close by.

8.Marianna wishes her life was different.