

Lesson 87

1 TOPIC QUESTION

今日のトピック

What are some differences between living in the city and living in the country?

都市に住むことと田舎に住むこととの違いとは？

2 ARTICLE

記事

Directions: Read the following article aloud.

課題：以下の記事をはっきりとした声で音読しましょう。



Life In The Country

You can breathe more freely in the country with fresh air all around you. When I lived in an apartment in the city, I had to use air conditioning throughout the summer because I could not open my windows due to the smog outside. There are very few green plants, trees, even grass is hard to find in the city. The plants you do find are mostly artificial.

Then I got transferred to the countryside. I enjoyed the lifestyle in a small town. Nobody is rushing about, there are no traffic jams, no lengthy commutes by subway or car, and no tall buildings to block the daylight. Everyone is so friendly here. I can even plant vegetables in the backyard without asking for a permit from the municipal hall. What more can I ask for?

Living in the countryside makes me miss shopping, watching movies, and strolling with my office mates while drinking a soda and eating ice cream. In spite of all the things I miss about the city, I still want to keep my life in the countryside. My life now is laid-back and relaxing, and I get to appreciate nature.

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3 VOCABULARY

語い

Directions: First repeat after your tutor and then read aloud by yourself.

課題: 先生の後が続いてくり返した後、今度はひとりで発音してみましょう。

smog スモッグ

traffic jam 交通渋滞

strolling ぶらぶらすること

rush 急ぐ

artificial 人工的な

municipal 市の、都市の

laid-back くつろいだ

4 Questions

質問

Directions: Read the questions aloud and answer them.

課題: 質問を声に出して読んだ後、答えてみましょう。

1. What does the writer enjoy about living in the country?
2. How did the writer describe living in an apartment?
3. What are the things that the writer misses about the city?
4. Where do you want to live, in the city or in the country?