**Life in the city and in the country**

People are always wondering whether the country or the city is the ideal place to live. Some may choose to live in big cities, while other like the natural and quiet life in the countryside.

I live in a small town Mikashevichy Luninets district Brest region. It is in the south of Belarus and it is called woodland or “Polesie”. Our town is not large, there are more than 15,000 people but it is modern and cozy.

We have 5 and 9-story buildings and private cottages. There is good infrastructure in the city: we have a hospital, post offices, the Palace of Culture, a swimming pool, a lot of shops and shopping centers. The town impresses by its greenery. We may call it a town-garden, a town-park. On the outskirts of the town there is a park area with a sanatorium for its residents and for the workers of the main town’s enterprise “Granit”.

For children there are 2 schools, a gymnasium, 4 kindergartens. Besides we have libraries and a town museum, which is situated in our gymnasium.

I feel really lucky to live in my town. But if I chose I would prefer to live in a big city. One of the advantages of living in a city is that everything is close to home: shops and supermarkets, schools and hospitals and other facilities. From my point of view life in the city is much more interesting. There is a wide assortment/ range of theatres and cinemas, clubs and discos, music and dance performances. These things are rare in small towns.

One more advantage of living in a big city is greater opportunities for education, as there are universities, schools of different types, all kinds of clubs and training centers. It is easier to find a good, well-paid job and make a successful career in a big city.

At the same time life in the country is quieter and more peaceful than life in the city, there is no traffic, no noise. People can relax, go to the forest, enjoy beautiful landscapes, the air is also much cleaner. The life in the country is safer and not as expensive as the life in the city. When you want to save your health and to have a healthy family you must live in the country.