



UNIT 5 : CITY OR VILLAGE L 1: In the city

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Learning context : During a conference initiated by their school english club about cities, the students of 3^è from EAJP/ENS listen to an expert in order to identify some aspects of city life and discuss them.

LESSON CONTENT

Language function	Structure / grammar	Vocabulary
Expressing preference	<p>S + would prefer + to infinitive</p> <p>S + would prefer + verb (ing)</p>	Urban area, city dweller, public facilities, a toll bridge, tarred road, railway, heavy traffic, commercial building, a firm.

A- Vocabulary

Urban area: City

City dweller: a person who lives in the city

e.g: city dwellers love to wear fashionable clothes

Public facilities: public infrastructures →e.g: Hospitals, schools, stadiums and universities are some public facilities that exist in cities.

A Tarred road: a road in excellent condition →e.g: Modern cities have tarred roads everywhere.

A railway: a road for trains

Heavy traffic: when there are many cars moving on roads →e.g: A consequence of the heavy traffic in Abidjan is traffic jams.

A firm: a company →e.g: International firms have headquarters in big cities like Abidjan.

B- Language function: Expressing preference with ‘would prefer’

Do you prefer to live in the city or village?

a- S + would prefer + to infinitive

I would prefer to live in the city because I love cities.

b- S + would prefer + verb (ing)

I would prefer living in the city because a city is more exciting.

PRACTICE ACTIVITIES

Activity 1 : Listen to the short passage about city life and fill in the gaps with the words you hear. **No 1 is an example.**

There are many reasons I love the city life. First, transportation is very accessible because there are many ***tarred roads*** everywhere and that permits cars to move easily. Also, International **2**..... are a source of many job opportunities for **3**..... who don't have any job. In addition, **4**..... like cinema houses, theatres and stadiums are places where you can go for amusement and recreation. Besides, people who want to go other places can travel by train because a **5**..... also exists. However the only problem is that because of the heavy traffic the air is polluted.

Adapted from www.studymoose.com

Activity 2 : Use the information **underlined** below to write sentences expressing preference **No 1 is an example.**

1- City dwellers / to live in an apartment/ to live in a villa

City dwellers would prefer to live in a villa

2- I / to be too early / to be late →.....

3- We / to listen to classical music / to listen to hip hop

→.....

4- My best friend/ to dance / to play tennis

→.....

5- She / to have dinner at home / to have a dinner in a restaurant.

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Expressing preference with 'Would rather'	I would rather live in the city I'd rather live in the city because it is more modern.	entertainment, accommodation, health service, noisy, a pub, a mall, a flat, to be in a hurry, plenty of

A- Vocabulary

Entertainment: amusement, enjoyment

e.g: youngsters play video games for entertainment.

Accomodation : residence, house

health service: A place where people receive medical treatments

Noisy: ≠ silent. e.g: cities are generally noisy because there are lots of cars.

A pub: a bar e.g: city dwellers go to pubs for drinking and dancing.

A mall: a commercial complex e.g: you can find different supermarkets in a mall.

A flat: an apartment e.g: city dwellers prefer to live in big flats.

To be in a hurry: to move quickly to do something or go somewhere. Eg: In the city, people don't have time, they are always in a hurry.

B- Language function

Would rather

S + Would rather / 'd rahter + ver (inf)

I would rather live in the city / **I'd rather live** in the city because it is more modern.

S + Would rather / 'd rahter + ver (inf)

She'd rather live in the city because there are many facilities.

PRACTICE ACTIVITIES

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People living in cities never have enough time, they are always in a 1. *hurry* when they are going to work or for any other business. On weekends, it is at 2..... that you may find them especially when they want to drink and dance, they also like to go to beaches for 3..... When you have money you can go shopping to big 4..... like Sococé. But, accommodation in the city is a real problem because of the high cost of 5..... If I had to make a choice, I would prefer to live in my village because it is calm, not 6.....

Activity 2 : Use "would rather" to write the sentences below differently. No1 is an example.

1. She prefers to rent a flat in Abidjan.

She would rather rent a flat in Abidjan

2. Adjoua would prefer to live in a big city.

3. Teenagers would prefer wearing fashionable clothes.

4. Some students prefer eating at the canteen.

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5. Many people would prefer to travel by plane
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COMMUNICATION SITUATION

During one of their activities, the members of the English club of EAJP/ENS visit the US embassy in Cote d'Ivoire to learn more about American cities. Once there, they listen to an American city dweller talking about his city. They listen carefully in order to discuss the reason why people prefer living in a city.

Task

1. Listen to the audio and do the activities on the worksheet
2. Discuss the question in the activity 3

RESSOURCES

S1- Transcript for activity 1

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S2- Transcript of the passage in activity 1

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Worksheet

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Transcript of the text to be used

I was born and raised in a big city and I really enjoy it because there are always many things to do. I think living in the city has many **advantages**. One of the advantages of city life is that everything is closer to home, such as shops, **malls**, some **facilities** such as hospitals, schools and other places. If you are a student, you have a better choice of schools and higher quality of education, and if you have already finished school it's easier to find a good, well-paid job and have a **sucessful** career.

In the city, there are also **tarred** roads and many kinds of **entertainment** available such as restaurants, cinemas, theatres, night clubs, museums, art galleries and sporting events. There is always something to do.

But of course living in the big city also has some disadvantages. The air is polluted, traffic is **heavy** and it can be very **noisy**. In addition, shops and public transport are sometimes very crowded. It can also be unsafe, as many big cities have a **high** rate of crime. The cost of living is also high.

Worksheet

Activity 1 : Listen to an extract of city dweller's talk and select the best option.

The speaker is presenting

- a- The advantages of life in the city
- b- The disadvantages of city life
- c- The good and bad aspects about city life.

Activity 2 : Listen to the audio document again and say if the statements below are true or false.

	Statements	Answers
1	The speaker was born in a big village	False

2	He thinks that living in the city has no advantage	
3	Students have better choice of schools in cities	
4	A city gives a lot of well-paid job opportunities	
5	Living in the city has no disadvantage	
6	Traffic in the city can be heavy and noisy	

Activity 3 : Listen to the passage again and fill in the gaps with the words you hear.

I was born and raised in a big city and I really enjoy it because there are always many things to do. I think living in the city has many 1..... One of the advantages of city life is that everything is closer to home, such as shops, 2....., some 3..... such as hospitals, schools and other places. If you are a student, you have a better choice of schools and higher quality of education, and if you have already finished school it's easier to find a good, well-paid job and have a 4..... career.

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Activity 4: In groups of four students, discuss the question below.

Why do people prefer to live in cities ?

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