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Urban, Suburban, Rural

Three Kinds of Communities

A community, a group of people who live in a certain place. Urban, suburban, or ru.. rur.. rurl.

“Rural!”

That’s how you say it?

“Rural!”

OK, I think I got it. You got it? Well, let’s get it together.

First up, urban communities,

Which are called cities, usually.

The population is high, many people live there,

Lots of faces to see and stories to share.

The buildings in cities are packed real close,

Some are skyscrapers, they’re tall like, whoa!

The places you go are a quick walk away,

If not, there’s a bus or a subway.

There’s lots of different culture in cities,

People could speak French or speak Hindi.

There’s lots to do and lots to see, so,

Check out Rio, Rome or Tokyo.

Big city, bright lights — that’s urban,

A house with a yard? Yeah that’s suburban.

In rural areas, it’s country life,

And you can see all the stars at night. x2

What’s near the city but has more space?

A suburban community, yeah, that’s the place.

Lots of people who work in the city,
Live in the suburbs, you can get there quickly.
Homes in the suburbs are farther apart,
So, your dog, Sparky, has a backyard.
In the suburbs, most people drive,
'Cause from school to home can be a little while.
Suburbs have woods and streams and lakes,
You might see a rabbit, you might see a snake.
So if you want some city and some nature, too,
Suburban life just might be for you.

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As far out as you can go,
Are rural areas with country roads.
In the "country," people live far apart,
Lots of fields, forests and farms.
Fewer people live there, and it can be quiet,
If you like nature, you might like it.
Kids ride to school in a school bus,
Might take a little while, but they don't fuss.
Our food comes from farms in the country,
So, think "rural" when you're hungry.
In rural areas, it's really dark at night,
So, you might see a star shoot across the sky.

Now, check out these pictures and tell me,
What type of community do you see?
What's this one?

“Rural!”

And this one?

“Urban!”

How about this one?

“Suburban!”

Now one more, can you spot it? Check it?

“Urban!”

Now you know the three community types!

What type of community do you live in?