

Life in the country or in the city

You can live:

on the outskirts of the city – на окраине города

in the suburbs – в пригороде

in the countryside – в деревенской местности

in a small town – в маленьком городке

in the heart of a big city – в центре большого города

Realities of towns

car park – парковка

pedestrian block – пешеходная зона

pedestrian crossing – пешеходный переход

road works – дорожные работы

garbage AM (rubbish BR) dump – мусорная свалка

corner shop – магазинчик на углу

parking lot (meter) – счётчик платы за парковку

road sign – дорожный знак

housing estate – жилой район

shopping mall – торговый центр

bus stop – автобусная остановка

Useful language

advantages and disadvantages – преимущества и недостатки

to be a hard-line metropolitan – быть убежденным городским жителем

hustle and bustle – суета

noise – шум // **to make noise** - шуметь

the lack of isolation – нехватка уединения

to suffer from stress – быть в стрессе

to change for the better/to change for the worse – меняться к лучшему или к худшему

to preserve nature – сохранять природу

Questions for discussion

- 1) Do you prefer life in the city or in the country? Why?
- 2) What advantages or disadvantages do both places have?
- 3) Is Moscow a suitable place to live in? Name the main advantages and disadvantages.
- 4) In which place is it better:
 - a) to live now
 - b) to live when you become older and leave your work (retire)
 - c) to bring up children
 - d) to build successful career?
- 5) Do you change places easily? For example move to a new flat, a new city, a new country?
- 6) Would you like to have many flats in different countries?
- 7) Do you have any dream-place in the world?
- 8) Will you let your child leave home and move to another city or country?

Global issues:

- 9) Is the countryside in Russia changing for the better or for the worse?
- 10) What could be done to preserve the countryside?
- 11) How do you think metropolitans care about their health in general?
- 12) How to keep the water we drink clean?