

City, Suburb, or Rural?

Grade 2 • SOCIAL-STUDIES • Students compare common features of urban, suburban, and rural communities. • Standards: D2.Geo.2.K-2

Read each sentence carefully. Decide if it describes a city (urban), suburb (suburban), or rural community. Write your answer on the line.

1. This place has many tall buildings close together. What type of community is this?
2. This place has farms with lots of open land and fields. What type of community is this?
3. This place has houses with yards in neighborhoods outside the city. What type of community is this?
4. People walk to many stores and ride buses or trains to get around. What type of community is this?
5. There are very few neighbors and you might see cows, horses, or chickens. What type of community is this?
6. Families drive to shopping centers and schools, and most homes have driveways. What type of community is this?
7. Which community type usually has the most people living close together in one area?
8. Which community type usually has the most open space and the fewest buildings?
9. Maria lives where there are sidewalks, parks, and she can walk to her friend's house nearby. Her town is between the big city and the countryside. What type of community does Maria live in?
10. Compare these three places: Place A has one small store and many acres of farmland. Place B has shopping malls and houses with yards. Place C has skyscrapers and subway trains. Which place is rural?

Answer Key — City, Suburb, or Rural?

For the teacher / parent. Do not distribute with the worksheet.

1. city (urban) *(Tall buildings close together are a key feature of cities.)*
2. rural *(Farms and open land are found in rural areas.)*
3. suburb (suburban) *(Neighborhoods with houses and yards outside the city describe suburbs.)*
4. city (urban) *(Public transportation and walking to stores are common in cities.)*
5. rural *(Farm animals and few neighbors describe rural communities.)*
6. suburb (suburban) *(Driving to shopping centers and homes with driveways are suburban features.)*
7. city (urban) *(Cities have the highest population density with many people living close together.)*
8. rural *(Rural areas have lots of open space and fewer buildings than cities or suburbs.)*
9. suburb (suburban) *(A town between the city and countryside with houses close enough to walk describes a suburb.)*
10. Place A *(Place A with farmland and one small store describes a rural community.)*