# Unit 9 — Rural and Urban Lives — Teacher copy

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## 1. Reading

Read the text and use it for the activities below.

**Reading — *A week on a farm***

*The cows were less interested in me than I was in them. The internet was as unreliable as the weather forecast. The night was the loudest silence I had ever heard. By the second day I had stopped checking my phone, partly because it didn't work and partly because the stars were doing better.*

**Grammar — *as … as / not as … as***

- *The countryside is **as quiet as** I remembered.*
- *The internet is **not as reliable as** in the city.*
- *Cows are **not as friendly as** dogs.*

**Vocabulary — rural vs. urban**

*Rural:* farm, field, barn, livestock, dirt road, local shop, neighbour, tractor. *Urban:* skyscraper, traffic, public transport, anonymity, takeaway, signal, neon, pace.

## 2. Practise

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1. Build *as … as*: *(the village / quiet / the library)* → ___ ; *(this internet / fast / yours)* → ___ .
2. Match rural ↔ urban: tractor ↔ ?, field ↔ ?, neighbour ↔ ?, livestock ↔ ?

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3. Build 4 *as … as / not as … as* sentences comparing your home town with another place.

## 3. Your turn

**Comparison, 120 words.** Write a balanced comparison of a rural and an urban place. Use 4 *as … as / not as … as* and 1 superlative.

**Sample**

*The village where my uncle lives is not as fast as Stuttgart, but it is as alive — just on a different scale. The stars at night are the loudest silence I have ever experienced. The internet is not as reliable as in the city, which means people actually look at each other while they speak. The local shop is the smallest building I know, but it sells everything I need plus a few things I didn't know existed.*

## 4. Further reading / listening

- BBC Countryfile — accessible articles.
- The Guardian — *Cities* section.

## 5. Teacher answer key

**G.** 1. *The village is as quiet as the library. This internet is not as fast as yours.*

2. tractor↔car/bus, field↔skyscraper, neighbour↔stranger, livestock↔people.

**M.** 3. Open.