

# **1º ANO E.M**

**SEMANA 31**

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City life &  
country life



In this unit, you will compare urban and rural life through the reading and discussion of various forms of texts. You will also practice reading and interpreting cartoons, pictures, songs, articles, and a plot summary. Sit back and let us take you on a journey into these two worlds.

## Connections

### 2 Encaminhamento metodológico.

1. Look at the phrases and check (✓) the ones that are typically associated with city life.

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| a) ( ) sparse population                 | i) ( ) heavy traffic                          |
| b) ( ) more job opportunities            | j) ( ) great variety of services and products |
| c) ( ) high cost of living               | k) ( ) low cost of living                     |
| d) ( ) limited services and products     | l) ( ) dense population                       |
| e) ( ) less noise and more natural light | m) ( ) simple lifestyle                       |
| f) ( ) more developed roadways           | n) ( ) fewer job opportunities                |
| g) ( ) light traffic                     | o) ( ) fast-paced life                        |
| h) ( ) less developed roadways           | p) ( ) lots of noise and artificial light     |

2. Read the following statements and decide if they are likely to have been said by a city resident or a countryside resident.

a) I love it here. I am a people person. The more people, the better.

b) Commuting to work only takes me 5 minutes. I would hate to spend hours in traffic.

c) What I like about the place where I was born is that it never sleeps.

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d) When I retire, I want to move to a calmer place.

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e) I like it here, but I never find the more sophisticated items I want to buy.

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3. Now, write two statements: one that might have been said by a city resident and one by a countryside resident.

City resident:

Countryside resident:

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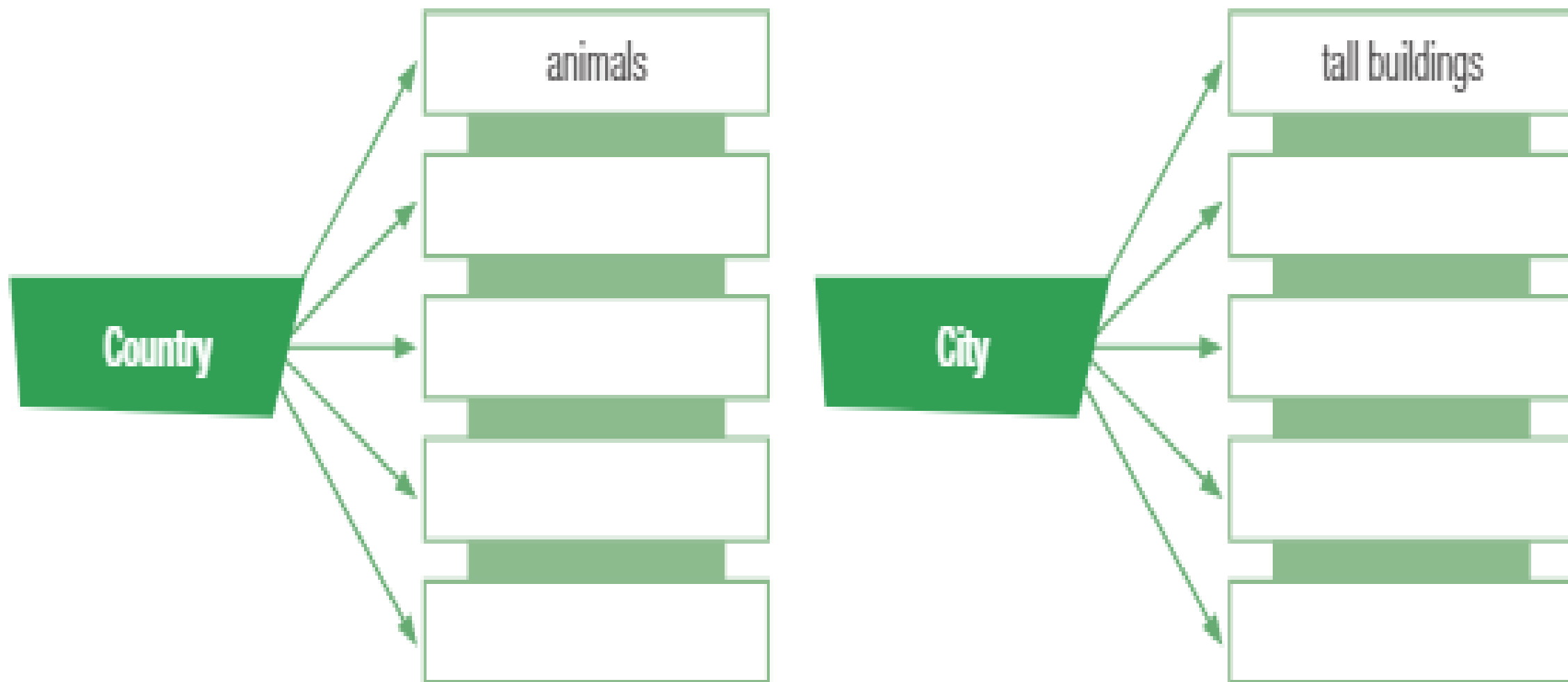
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Answers will vary. Espera-se que os alunos sejam capazes de contextualizar apropriadamente alguns dos vocábulos e expressões relacionados ao campo a cidade.

3 Encaminhamento metodológico e esclarecimentos sobre figuras de linguagem.

1. What words do you expect to hear in a song about the country and in a song about the city? Complete the diagram below. *Answers will vary.*



2. You are going to read excerpts taken from two song lyrics about the country and the city, respectively. How many of the words you wrote in exercise 1 are present in the lyrics?

### Take Me Home, Country Roads

Almost heaven, West Virginia  
Blue Ridge Mountains  
Shenandoah River –  
Life is old there  
Older than the trees  
Younger than the mountains  
Growin like a breeze

Country Roads, take me home  
To the place I belong  
[...]



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DANOFF, Bill; NIVERT, Tally; DENVER, John. *Take me home, country roads*. Available at: <<http://johndenver.com/albums/poems-prayers-and-promises/>>. Accessed on: 23 Mar. 2015.



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### Empire State of Mind (Part II) Broken Down

[...]  
Grew up in a town  
That is famous as a place of movie scenes  
Noises always loud  
There are sirens all around  
And the streets are mean  
If I can make it here  
I can make it anywhere  
That's what they say  
[...]

ROBINSON, Sylvia; KEYS, Alicia et al. *Empire State Of Mind (Part II) Broken Down*. Available at: <<http://aliciakeys.com/songs/empire-state-of-mind-part-ii-broken-down/>>. Accessed on: 23 Mar. 2015.

3. Read the following statements about the song lyrics and decide if they are true (T) or false (F).

- a) ( ) Both songs are about places in the USA.
- b) ( ) The singer of "Empire State of Mind" is not proud to be a New Yorker.
- c) ( . ) The singer of the first song was most likely born in the country.
- d) ( ) The singer of the first song lives in the country at the moment.
- e) ( ) The singer of "Empire State of Mind" spent her childhood in New York.

4. When John Denver says "Take me home, country roads", he is talking to the roads as if they were human beings.

This use of language is a figure of speech known as [No Livro do Professor, há uma explicação sobre figuras de linguagem.](#)

- a) metaphor
- b) simile
- c) hyperbole
- d) personification
- e) euphemism

5. Which sentence below shows an example of personification?

- a) I get so excited when I visit my hometown.
- b) He grew up on a farm in Brazil.
- c) Elaine is a tree hugger.
- d) The sky wept when I left my parents' home to live in a big city.
- e) Enzo is a city person.

6. John Denver also says that West Virginia is the place where he belongs. In pairs, tell each other where you belong and why.



MANAUS IS WHERE I BELONG. IT'S WHERE I SPENT MOST OF MY CHILDHOOD. I MISS IT.

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7. Choose one of the two songs and rewrite the lyrics to be about the place where you live.

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Sugestão de atividades para casa: questões 4 e 5 da seção **Challenge yourself**.