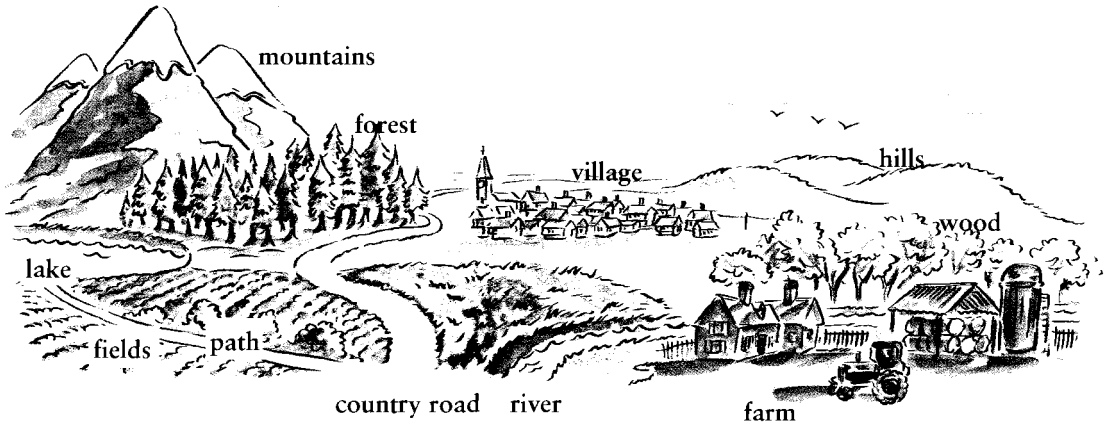


39 In the countryside

The countryside and the country both mean 'not the city'. Country can also mean a nation (e.g. France, China).

A Things we can see in the countryside



B Living and working in the countryside

In the countryside, people usually live in a **small town** (e.g. 6,000 people) or **village** (e.g. 700 people).

A **farmer** lives on a **farm** and works in the fields.

My friend lives in a **cottage** (small house in a village or out in the countryside).

C Nature and conservation

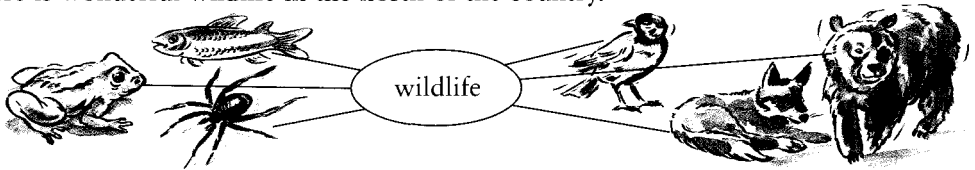
Nature means 'everything in the natural world' (= animals, birds, plants, etc.).

I love **nature**. [NOT I love the nature.]

I like walking in the **countryside**. [NOT I like walking in the nature. 'Nature' is not a place.]

When we talk about animals, birds, fish and insects, we can say **wildlife**.

There is wonderful **wildlife** in the north of the country.



Near the village there is a **conservation area** (= place where wildlife and nature are protected).

In the south of the country, there is a **national park** (= very big national conservation area).

D Things to do in the countryside

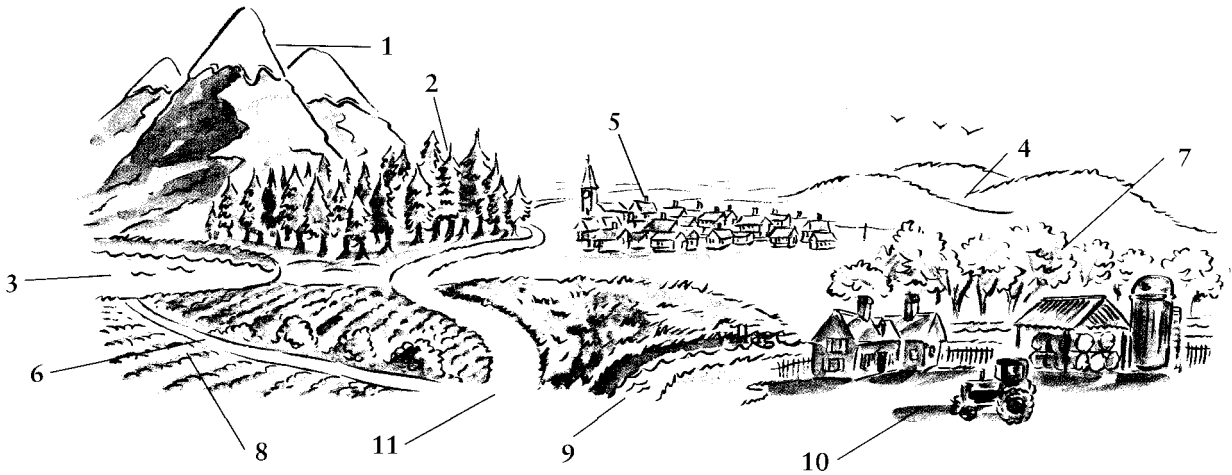
You can take food and drink and have a **picnic**.

You can go **walking/skiing** in the mountains.



Exercises

39.1 Cover the left-hand page. How many names of things in the countryside can you remember?



39.2 Fill the gaps in these sentences.

- 1 My brother is a farmer..... He lives a farm.
- 2 It's not a big house; it's just a
- 3 The farm is near a; it has 800 people.
- 4 20 kilometres from the village there is a small It has 9,000 people.

39.3 Match the beginning of the sentences on the left with the ends of the sentences on the right. Draw lines.

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| 1 We went swimming | sitting by the river. |
| 2 We went walking | in the national park. |
| 3 We went skiing | in the lake. The water was warm. |
| 4 We saw some wonderful wildlife | along a 5-kilometre path. |
| 5 We had a picnic | down the mountain. |

39.4 Describe the typical countryside where you come from. Write four sentences about it. Use these questions to help you.

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| 1 Are there any woods or forests? | 5 Are there farms? |
| 2 Are there any hills or mountains? | 6 Are there paths where you can walk? |
| 3 Are there any lakes or rivers? | 7 Can you go skiing? |
| 4 Are there many villages or small towns? | 8 Can you see wildlife? |

39.5 Put *the* in the sentence if necessary.

- 1 He loves nature.
- 2 She wants to live in country.
- 3 They are interested in wildlife.