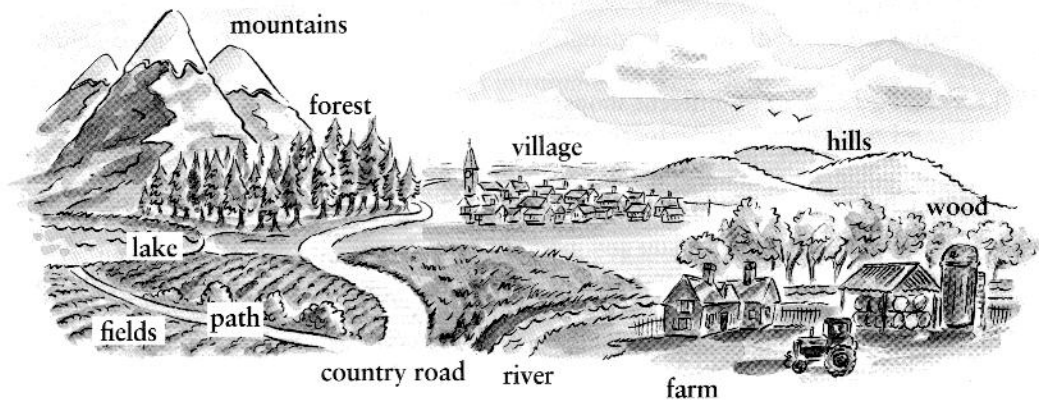


In the countryside

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** /vɪlɪdʒ/ (e.g. 700 people).

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

My friend lives in a **cottage**. /'kɒtɪdʒ/ [small house in a village or the countryside]

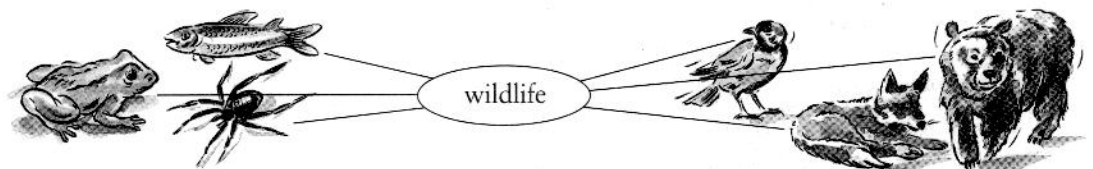
C Nature /'neɪtʃə/ and conservation /kɒnsə'veɪʃn/

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

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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.

There is wonderful **wildlife** in the north of the country. [animals, birds, fish and insects]



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

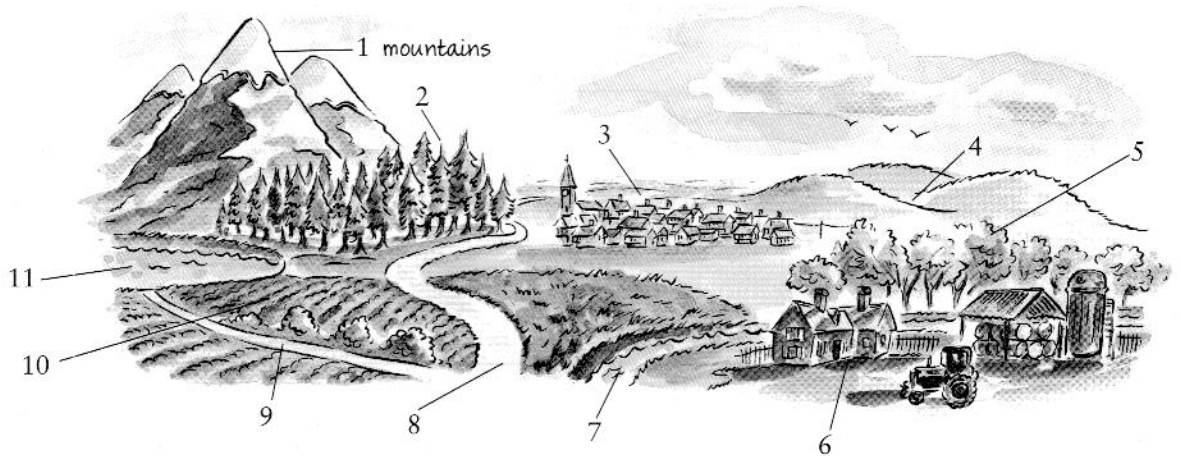
You can take food and drink and **have a picnic**.

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



Exercises

28.1 Cover the opposite page. How many names of things in the countryside can you remember?



28.2 Fill the gaps in these sentences.

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

28.3 Match the beginning of the sentences on the left with the ends of the sentences on the right.

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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 five-kilometre path. |
| 5 We had a picnic | | down the mountain. |

28.4 Put *the* in the sentences if necessary.

- 1 My parents live in the..... countryside.
- 2 He loves nature.
- 3 She wants to live in country.
- 4 They are interested in wildlife.

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

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