

Directions: Record the advantages and disadvantages to living in urban and rural areas on the chart below. Be ready to share this with your classmates.

<i>I'd LOVE to live in an urban community because...</i>	<i>I'd LOVE to live in a rural community because...</i>
Diversity in goods available	More self-sufficient agricultural area
Mass transportation	Closer communities with fewer people
Medical services available; specialized care	May be less pollution
Cultural events, performances, exhibits	May be aesthetically more beautiful
Better paying jobs; more choices	May have lower crime rate
Education opportunities and resources	More living space available
Technology available (cell phones, television, electricity, cars, computer access)	Some occupations only possible in the country
<i>On second thought...</i>	<i>On second thought...</i>
Pollution: water, air, noise	Agriculture dependent on uncontrollable natural conditions
More competition for jobs/business	Less diversity in goods
Reliance on others to get food	Limited medical services
Expensive to live in/less space	Fewer jobs/choices/pay
Difficult to find housing	Access to technology may be limited
May not be as aesthetically appealing	Have to provide own transportation
Takes longer to travel short distances	Live farther away from places that offer cultural events (museums, theater, concerts, movies)
Harder to get to know people around you	Fewer people to get to know or to provide services