



Home & Away

Grade 4

Name: _____

Read the passage comparing two different places or ways of life. Then answer the questions about similarities and differences.

Text evidence: use words and sentences from the passage to support your answers.

Apartment Living vs. Farmhouse Life



Imagine two very different homes: a modern apartment and a sprawling farmhouse. An apartment is typically found in a city or town, often in a large building with many other families living close by. Farmhouses, **on the other hand**, are usually located in the countryside, surrounded by fields and open spaces. They are often older, built to last through generations of farming families.

Life in an apartment can be fast-paced. You might walk to nearby shops, schools, or parks. Space is often more compact, and you share walls, floors, or ceilings with neighbors. Many apartments have balconies or shared rooftop gardens for outdoor enjoyment. A recent survey showed that over 80% of city dwellers live in apartments or condos, highlighting their popularity in urban areas.

Farmhouse life is generally quieter and more connected to nature. There's often a large yard, perhaps a garden, and plenty of room for pets to roam. Chores might include helping with farm animals or tending a big vegetable patch. Transportation usually involves driving, as stores and schools can be miles away. **Unlike** apartment buildings, farmhouses often stand alone, offering more privacy.

Despite their differences, apartments and farmhouses share some fundamental purposes. **Both** provide shelter and a place for families to gather and make memories. **Similarly**, both types of homes require maintenance, whether it's fixing a leaky faucet in an apartment or repairing a fence on a farm. Even though their surroundings are vastly different, the feeling of 'home' is something **both** residents seek.



Ultimately, the choice between an apartment and a farmhouse depends on what kind of lifestyle a family prefers. An apartment offers convenience and proximity to city amenities, **while** a farmhouse provides space, tranquility, and a connection to the land. **However**, each offers a unique way of living, proving that 'home' can look very different from one place to another.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- (1) Which type of home is often found in a city or town, in a large building?
 (A) Apartment (B) Farmhouse (C) Both (D) Neither
- (2) Which type of home is usually located in the countryside, surrounded by fields?
 (A) Apartment (B) Farmhouse (C) Both (D) Neither
- (3) Apartment life is fast-paced, while farmhouse life is quieter. Is this a **SIMILARITY** or a **DIFFERENCE**?
 (A) Similarity (B) Difference
- (4) Both apartments and farmhouses provide shelter for families. Is this a **SIMILARITY** or a **DIFFERENCE**?
 (A) Similarity (B) Difference
- (5) Describe **ONE** similarity between apartment living and farmhouse life. Quote from the passage.



(6) Would you prefer to live in an apartment or a farmhouse? Use TWO details from the passage to support your choice.

