From a Small Town to a Big City

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Question of the Week
How does city life compare to life in the country?

High Frequency Words
family
different
city
car
town
streets

Concept Words
yard
noisy
apartment
near
stoop
museums

Learning Goals
• City life and country life are very different.
• Cities are noisy.
• Schools are small in the country.

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Josh and his family are moving. They put their things in boxes. They put the boxes in a van.

Until now, Josh’s family lived in a small town. Now they will live in a big city. Life is different there.

In the small town, Josh lived in a house. Their street was quiet. They had a yard. Josh played in the yard. Josh’s mom had a garden.
The small town had three schools. One school was for young children. One school was for older children. One school was a high school.

The small town did not have many stores. Josh’s family went to the store in a car. The town had only one park. It also had only one library.
Now Josh’s family lives in a big city. They live in an apartment. Many other families live there too.

Josh made a new friend. They met on the stoop. They play at the park.

The city is very noisy. Their small town was very quiet. Josh and his family hear the noise. The streets are busy. Cars honk all day long. Honk! Honk! Honk!
The city has many schools. Josh goes to a new school near his apartment. It is much bigger than his old school. Josh meets many new students.

Josh’s family does not need a car in the city. Many stores are near their apartment. They can walk where they need to go. Sometimes they ride the bus.
Josh shops with his mom. He helps her carry bags. The city has many stores. The small town only had a few.

Josh likes the parks in the city. He goes to the museums too. Josh likes the animals at the zoo. The small town did not have a zoo.

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Josh likes to live in the city now. He visits more places. He sees more people.

Some things are the same. Josh is with his family. He still has to help wash the dishes!