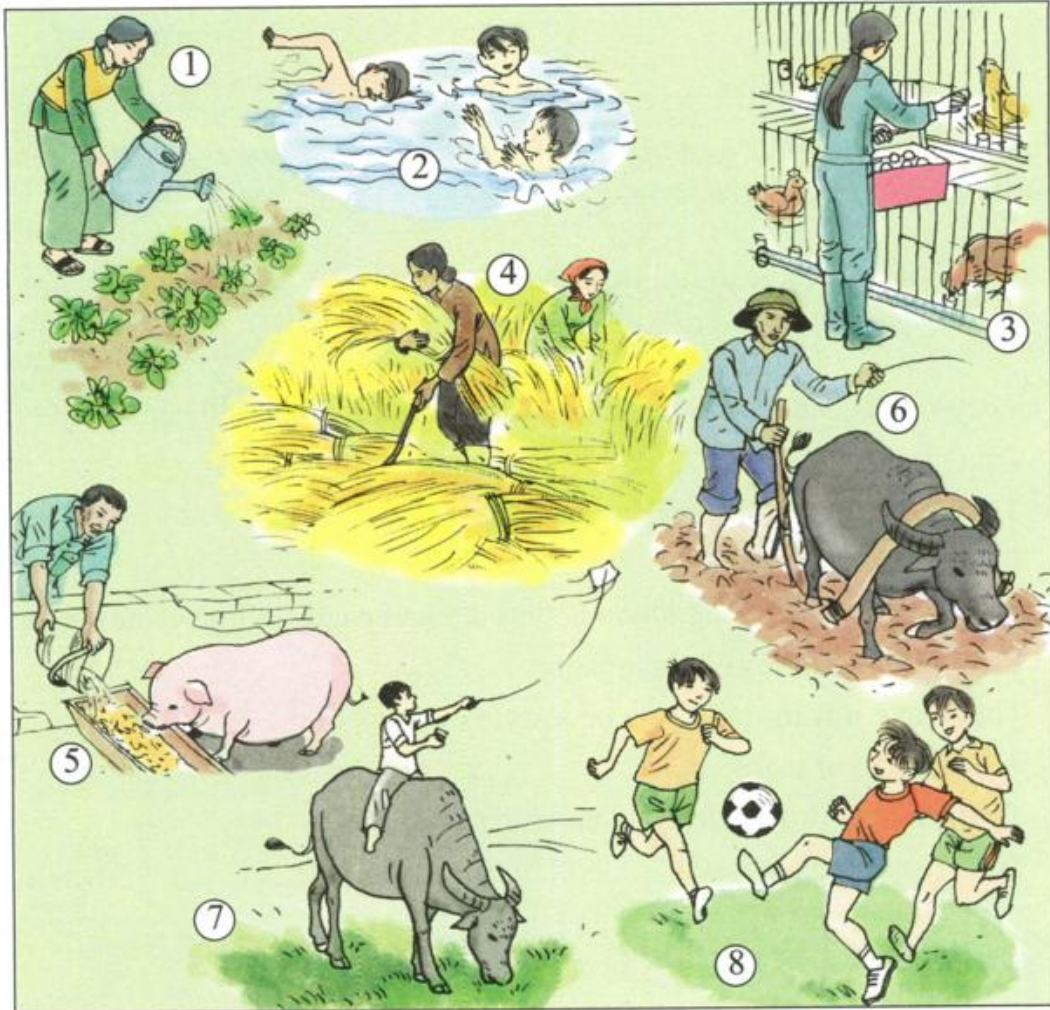


UNIT 3

A TRIP TO THE COUNTRYSIDE

1. GETTING STARTED

Work with a partner. Look at the pictures and take turns to talk about activities in the countryside.



Example: ⑥ *A man is plowing with his buffalo.*

2. LISTEN AND READ

On Sunday, Ba invited Liz to join his family on a day trip to his home village about 60 kilometers to the north of Ha Noi. The village lies near the foot of a mountain and by a river. Many people go there on weekends to have a rest after a hard working week.

The journey to the village is very interesting. People have the chance to travel between the green paddy fields and cross a small bamboo forest before they reach a big old banyan tree at the entrance to the village.

Liz met Ba's family at his house early in the morning; and after two hours traveling by bus, they reached the big old tree. Everyone felt tired and hungry, so they sat down under the tree and had a snack.

After the meal, they started to walk into the village for about thirty minutes to visit Ba's uncle. Then, they walked up the mountain to visit the shrine of a Vietnamese hero and enjoyed the fresh air there. In the afternoon, they went boating in the river and had a picnic on the river bank before going home late in the evening. It was an enjoyable day. Liz took a lot of photos to show the trip to her parents.

"I wish I could visit your village again some day," Liz told Ba.

"You'll always be welcome here, Liz," Ba replied.

a) True or false? Check (✓) the boxes. Then correct the false sentences.

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| 1. Ba and his family had a two-day trip to their home village. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| → Ba and his family had a day trip to their home village. | | |
| 2. Many people like going there for their weekends. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. There is a small bamboo forest at the entrance to the village. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Liz had a snack at the house of Ba's uncle. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. There is a shrine on the mountain near Ba's village. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Everyone had a picnic on the mountain. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Everyone left the village late in the evening. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Liz had a videotape to show the trip to her parents. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Liz wants to go there again. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

b) Answer:

1. Where is Ba's village?
2. How did Ba and his family get to the village?
3. Where is the banyan tree?
4. What did they see on the mountain?
5. Where did they have their picnic?
6. What did Liz do to show the trip to her parents?
7. What does Liz wish?

3. SPEAK

a) *Work with a partner. Read the questions. Then play the role of A and B, ask and answer about your partner's home village using the information in the boxes.*

1. Where is your home village?
2. How far is it from the city?
3. How can you get there?
4. How long does it take to get there?
5. What do people do for a living in your village?
6. Does your village have a river?

A	B
to the south of the city. 30 kilometers from the city. by bus. 1 hour. plant rice and vegetables. a river flowing across the village.	to the west of the city. 15 kilometers from the city. by motorbike. 50 minutes. plant rice and raise cattle. no rivers, but there is a big lake.

A

Where is your home village?

B

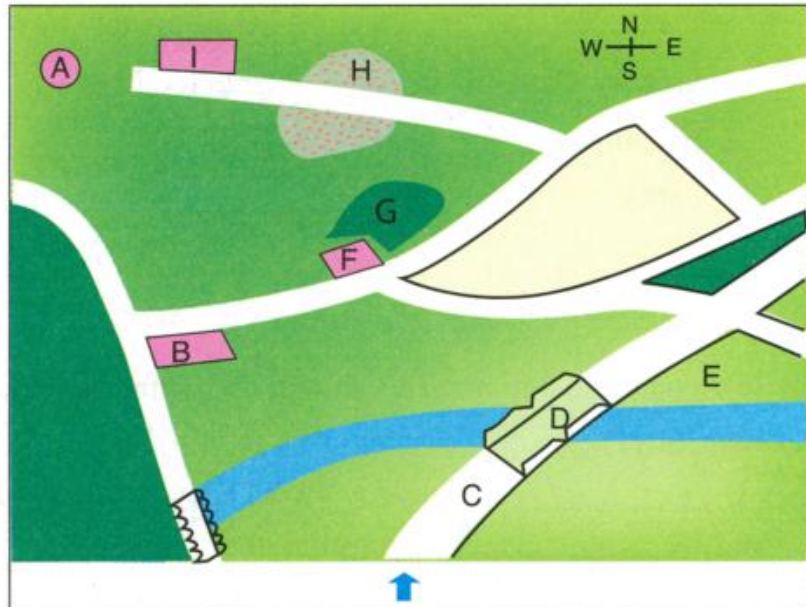
It's to the west of the city.

b) *Now ask and answer about your real home village. If you do not have a home village, make up information similar to those in box A or B.*

4. LISTEN

Look at the map. Then listen to the trip to Ba's village. Match the places on the bus route with the letters on the map. Start at ↑

1. airport
2. gas station
3. pond
4. highway No. 1
5. banyan tree
6. store
7. bamboo forest
8. Dragon Bridge
9. parking lot



5. READ

Van, a student from Ho Chi Minh City, is an exchange student in the USA. He is now living with the Parker family on a farm 100 kilometers outside Columbus, Ohio. He will stay there till the beginning of October.

Mr. Parker grows maize on his farm, while Mrs. Parker works part-time at a grocery store in a nearby town. They have two children. Peter is the same age as Van, and Sam is still in primary school.

Since Van arrived, he has been learning a lot about life on a farm. In the afternoon, as soon as he completes his homework, he feeds the chickens and collects their eggs. On weekends, if Mr. Parker is busy, the three boys help him on the farm.

On Saturday afternoons, Peter plays baseball. The Parker family and Van eat hamburgers or hot dogs while they watch Peter play. The Parkers are nice so Van feels like a member of their family.

a) Match the words in column A with the words or groups of words in column B having the same meaning.

A	B
maize	bring things together
feed	where people buy food and small things
grocery store	give food to eat
part-time	corn
collect	shorter or less than standard time

b) Complete the summary. Use information from the passage.

A Vietnamese boy named Van is living with the Parker family in the American state of (1)_____. Mr. Parker is a (2)_____ and Mrs. Parker (3)_____ in a nearby town. They have two children, (4)_____ and (5)_____. Van often does chores (6)_____ school. Sometimes, he also helps on the (7)_____. The family relaxes on Saturday afternoons and (8)_____ Peter play (9)_____. Van likes the Parkers, and he enjoys being a (10)_____ of their family.

6. WRITE

Look at the pictures and the information given. Then write a passage entitled "A Country Picnic". Start like this:

It was a beautiful day ...

beautiful day / my friends and I / go / picnic.

take / bus / countryside / walk / 20 minutes / picnic site / river.



put down / blankets / lay out / food.



After meal / play / games / "What song is it?" / blind man's buff.

Late / afternoon / go fishing.

we / enjoy / picnic.



when / look at / time / it / nearly 6.30 pm / hurriedly gather / things / run / bus stop.



we / lucky / catch / last bus / and / we / arrive / home / very late / evening.



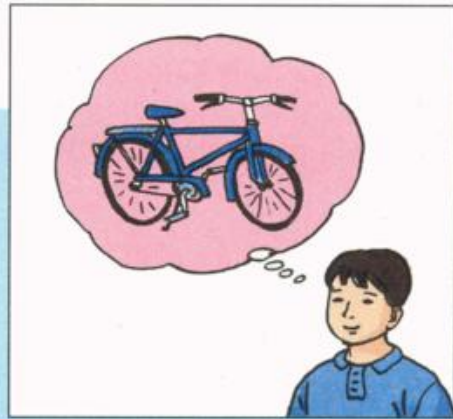
LANGUAGE FOCUS

- Modal *could* with *wish*
- The past simple with *wish* (review)
- Prepositions of time
- Adverb clauses of result

1. What do these people wish? Write the sentences.

a) Ba / can have / new bicycle

Ba wishes he could have a new bicycle.



b) Hoa / can visit / parents



c) I / pass / exam



d) We / it / not rain



e) He / can fly



f) They / stay / Hue

2. Work with a partner.

Look at Mr. Thanh's itinerary for his business trip to Singapore. Complete the sentences. Use the prepositions in the box.

Itinerary for <i>Le Huy Thanh</i>	
<p>Monday, September 20 Depart: Ha Noi / 2 pm Arrive: Singapore / 6.30 pm</p> <p>Tuesday, September 21 MEETING Raffles Center / 11 am - 1 pm LUNCH Lion City Restaurant / 1.30 - 2 pm</p>	<p>Wednesday, September 22 MEETING Raya Palace / 2.15 - 7 pm DINNER Little India Restaurant / 7.30 - 10 pm</p> <p>Thursday, September 23 Depart: Singapore / 9 am Arrive: Ha Noi / 11.30 am</p>

at till on after up to between

- a) *Mr. Thanh leaves Ha Noi at 2 pm.*
- b) He arrives in Singapore ___ Monday evening.
- c) On Tuesday morning, there is a meeting ___ 11 am and 1 pm.
- d) On Wednesday, Mr. Thanh has appointments ___ 10 pm.
- e) He returns to the hotel ___ 10 pm.
- f) He will be in Singapore from Monday ___ Thursday.

3. Complete the sentences with on, at, in, for.

- a) Goodbye! See you ___ Monday.
- b) The bus collected us ___ 5 o'clock early ___ the morning.
- c) We usually go to our home village at least once ___ the summer.
- d) We walked ___ half an hour to reach the waterfall.

- e) They planned to have the trip ___ June.
- f) She loves to watch the stars ___ night.

4. Match the half-sentences. Then write the full sentences in your exercise book.

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| 1. Hoa worked hard, ... | a) so I turned on the air conditioner. |
| 2. It was hot, ... | b) so she didn't have time for breakfast. |
| 3. Nga is sick today, ... | c) so Mrs. Robinson took it back to the shop. |
| 4. Na woke up late, ... | d) so she won't go to school. |
| 5. The new camera didn't work, ... | e) so she passed her exam. |

Example:

1 - e) Hoa worked hard, so she passed her exam.