



# Learning About the Communities Around US!

(Rural, Suburban, and Urban communities)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Activities



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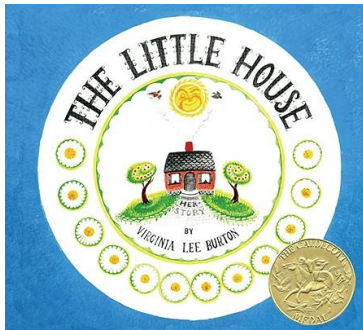


## Different Communities Lesson Ideas:

-Discuss what we find in the country , suburb, and city.

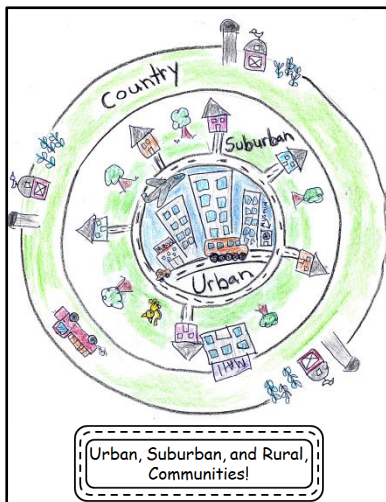
Rural Country	Suburban	Urban City



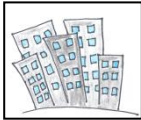
-Make a chart of what we know about each community. Introduce the words rural, suburban, and urban.



-Read ***The Little House*** By Virginia Lee Burton. This is a story about a little house whose environment changes from the rural (country) to the suburb to the urban (city) and back to the rural (country).

-Have your students complete activities from this package!



Rural Country	Suburban	Urban City
 		

-Share sort / organizer activities and discuss!

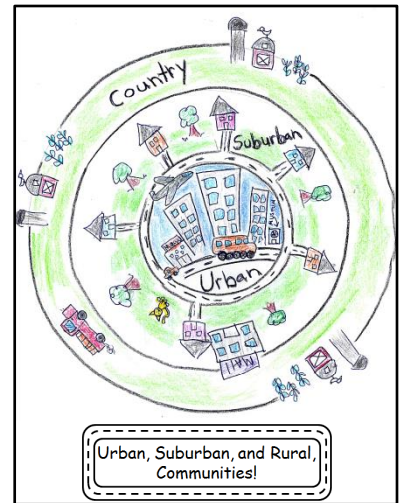
# 1. Different Communities Graphic Organizer:

## Materials Needed:

Crayons or colored pencils

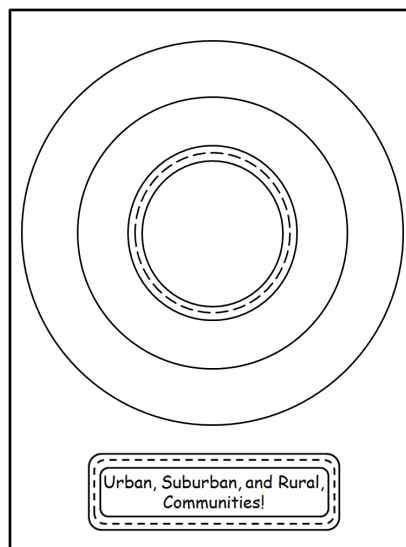
*Different Communities* graphic organizer

Model of the completed graphic organizer



## Directions:

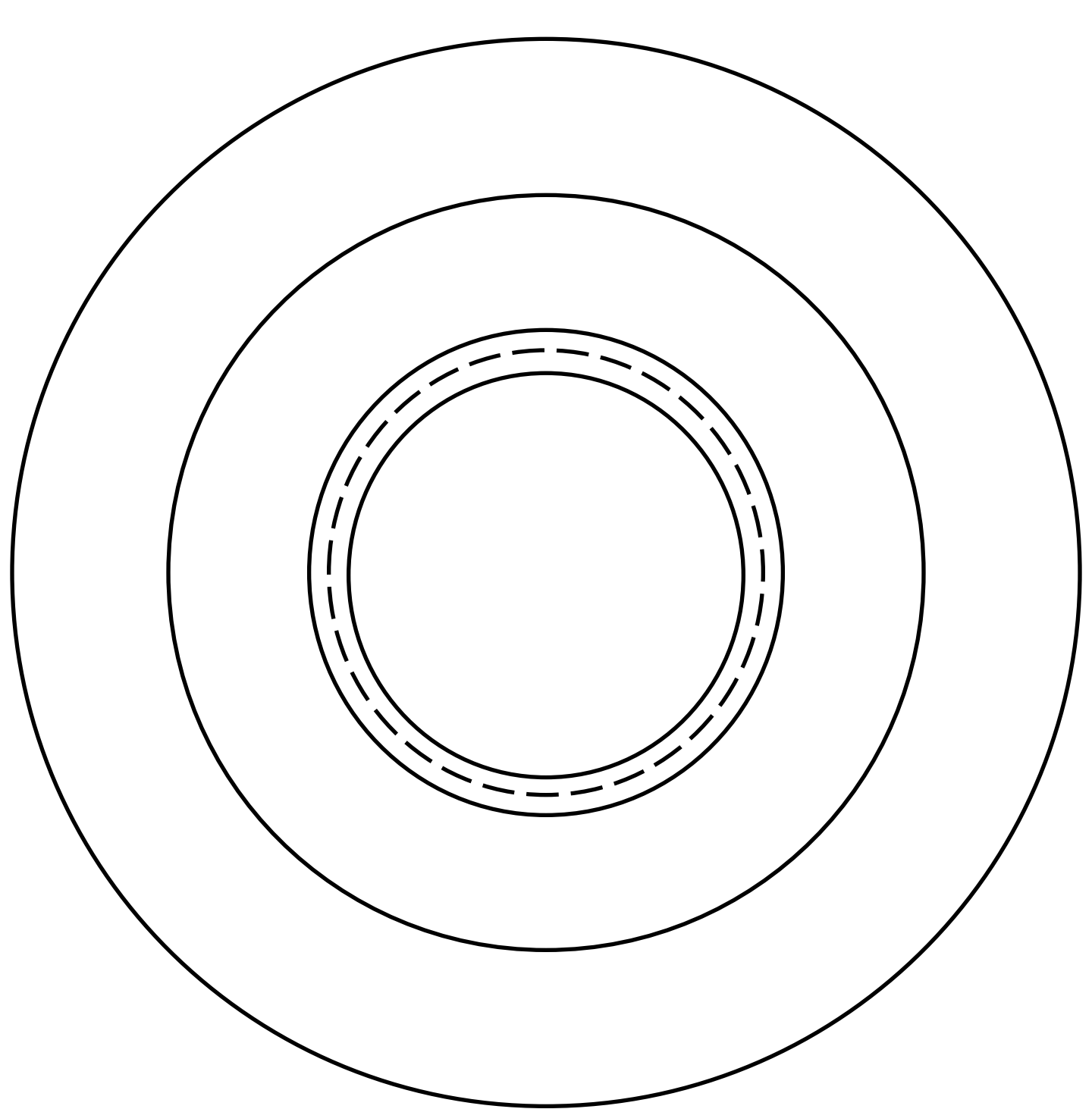
1. Show the model and discuss how each community is different.
2. Lead a discussion on the location of each community.
3. Have students create their own graphic organizer from what we have learned so far about these communities.





Urban, Suburban, and Rural,  
Communities!





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## 2. Communities Sorting Activity:

### Materials Needed:

12 X 18 size construction paper for each student

Markers

Scissors

Sorting Activity pages (two pages/ black and white or colored)

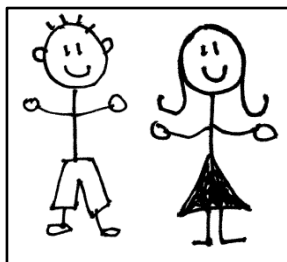
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### Directions:

1. Fold paper into three sections.
2. Students label each section appropriately.
3. Students cut pictures out and glue the picture in the section it belongs in.
4. Lead a discussion on student's sort and the differences between each type of community.
5. Teacher can laminate pictures and a chart to use in a center for more practice sorting by community type.



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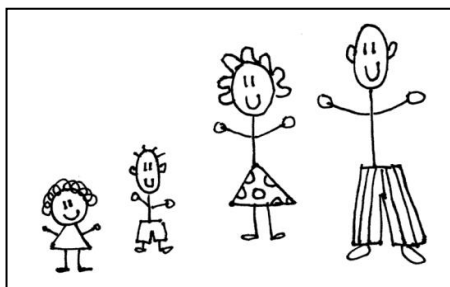
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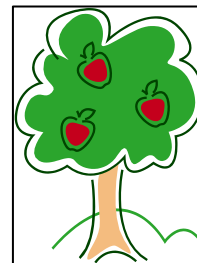
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Medium sized grocery stores



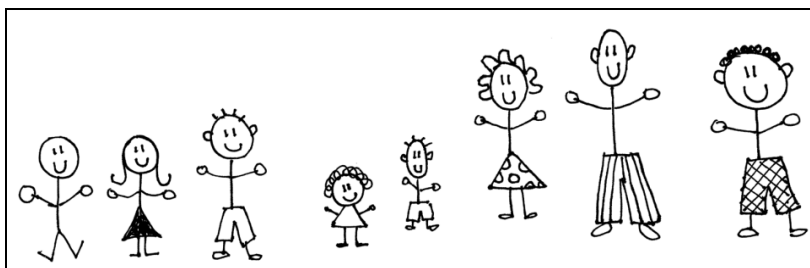
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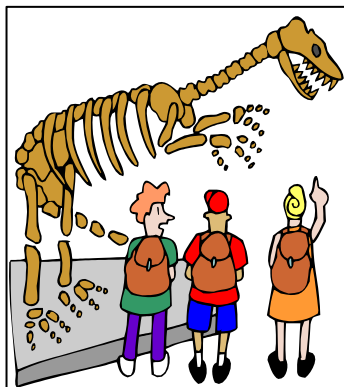
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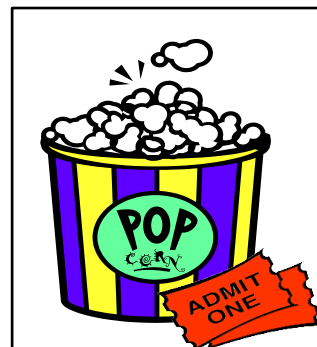
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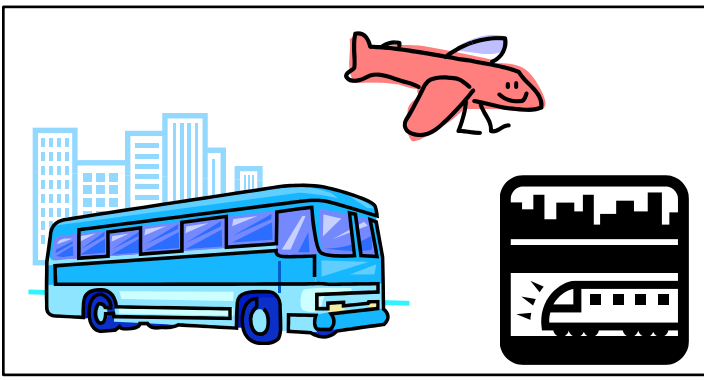
Big museums



Lots of open spaces



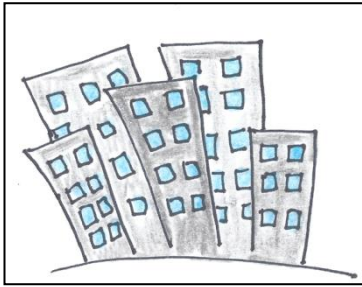
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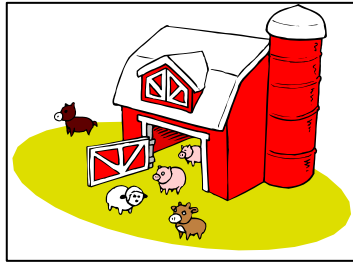
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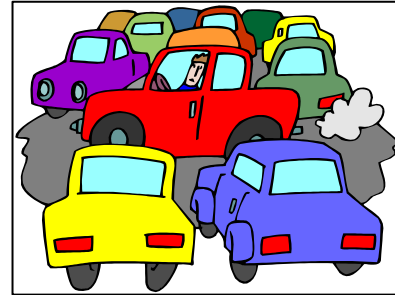
Often commute far to get to work.



Skyscrapers



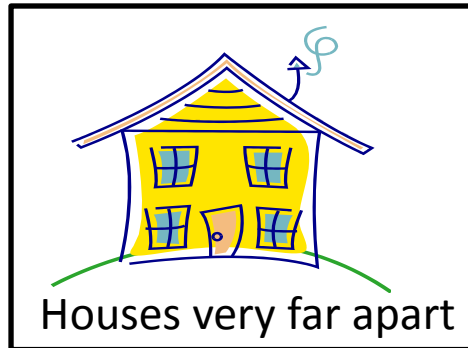
Farms



Lots of traffic



Lots of apartments



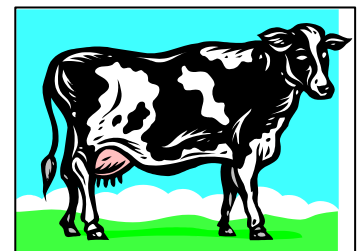
Houses very far apart



Where delivery trucks pick up their milk.

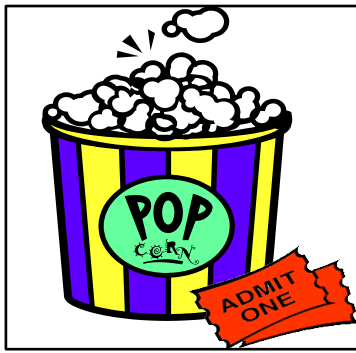


Houses not too far apart and lots of yards



Cows

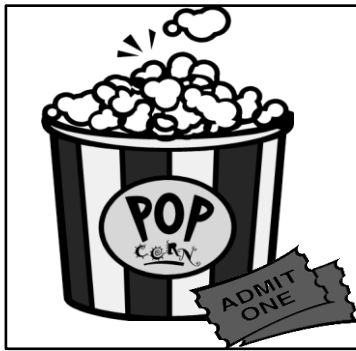




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Some shopping places

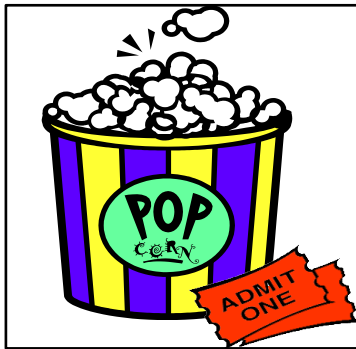


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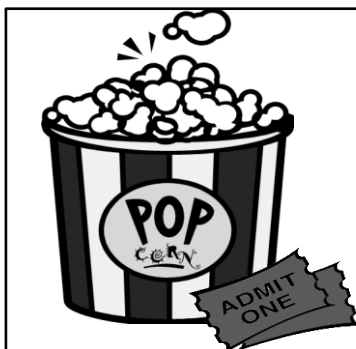
**Repeat of above. Cut in half (blue line).**



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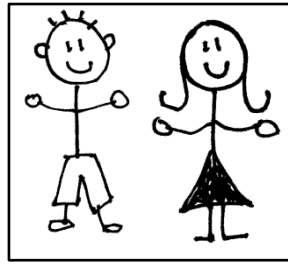
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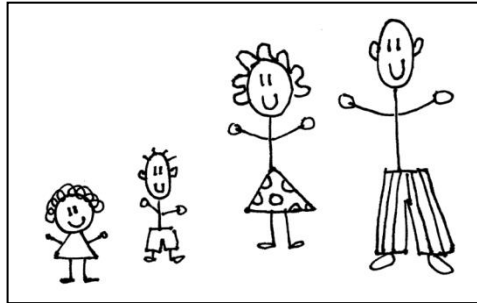
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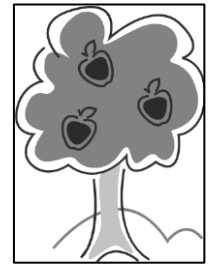
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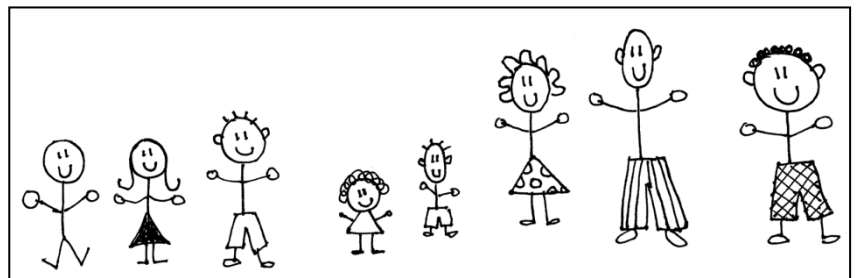
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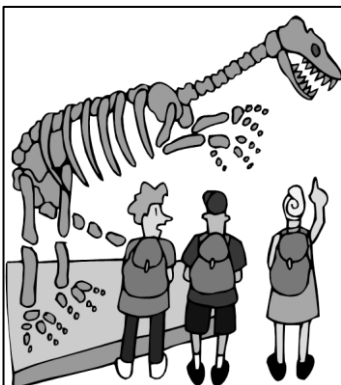
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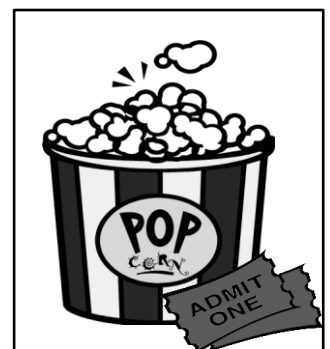
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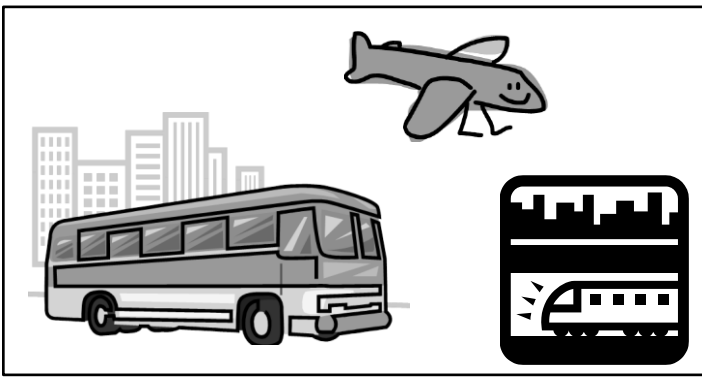
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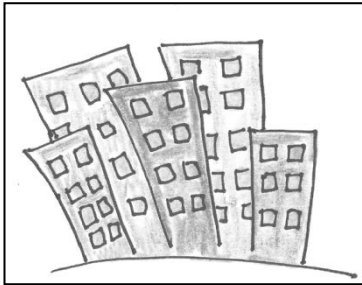
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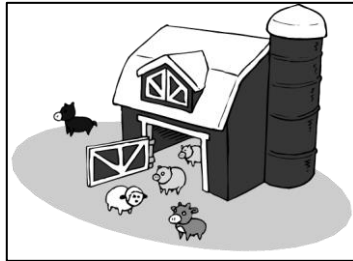
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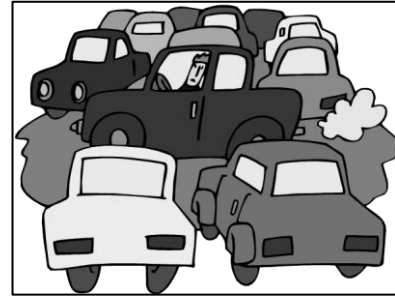
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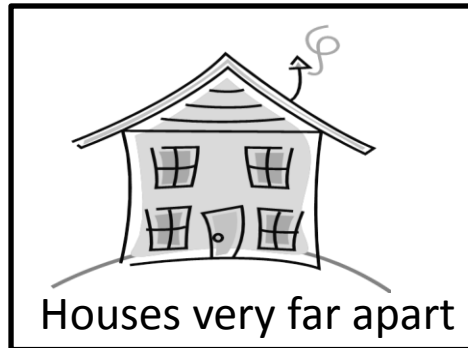
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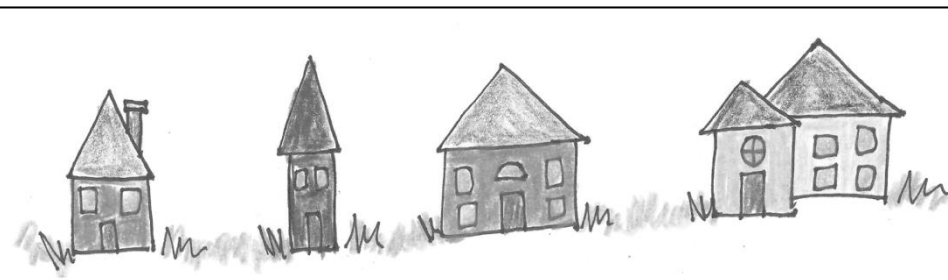
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Where delivery trucks pick up their milk.



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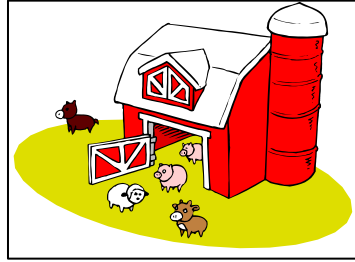


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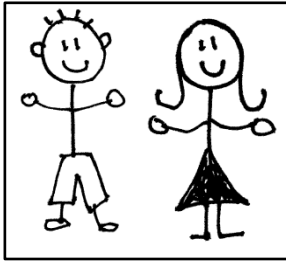
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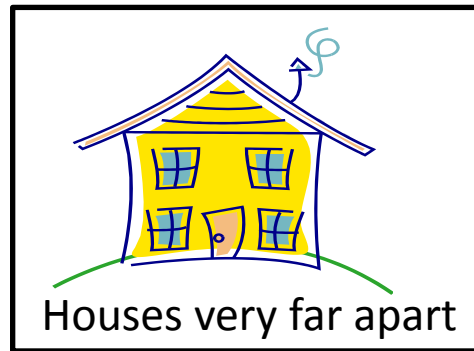
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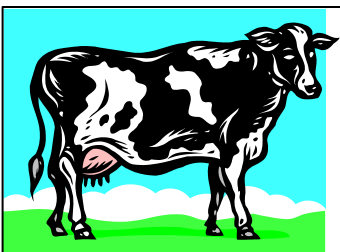
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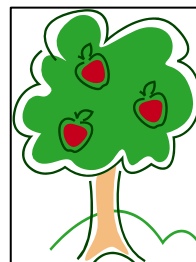
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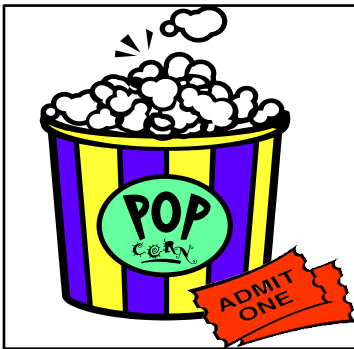
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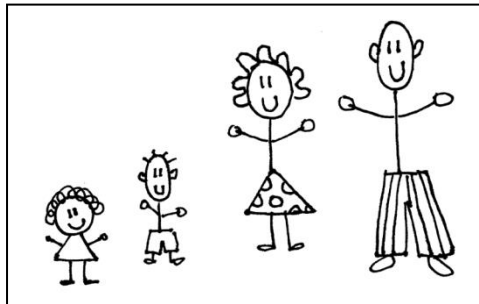
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Some things to do.



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More people



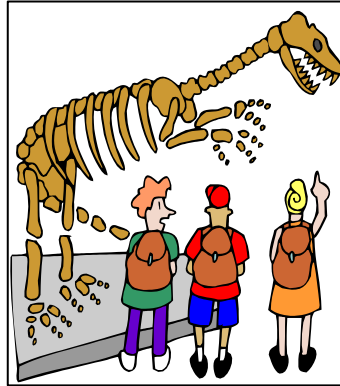
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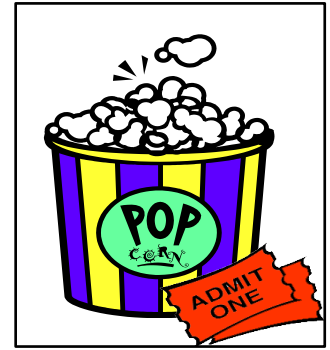
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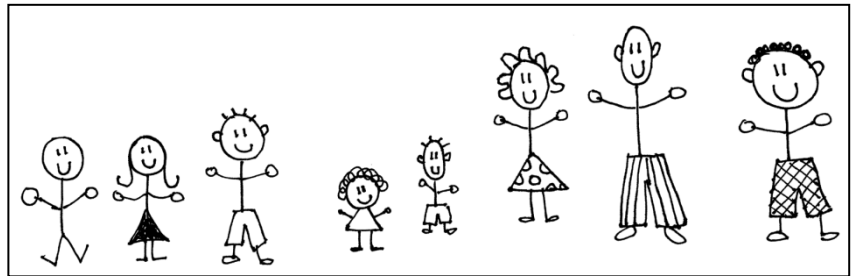
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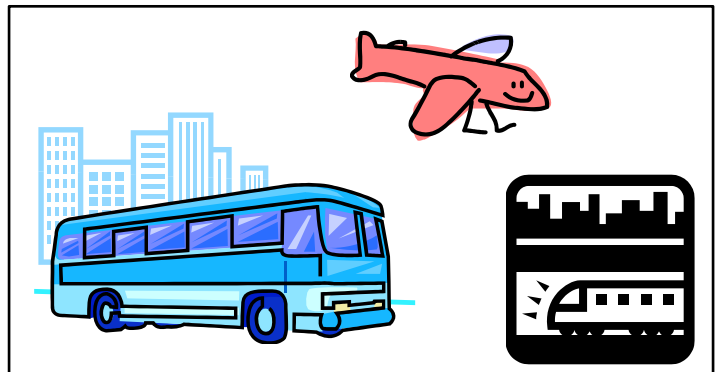
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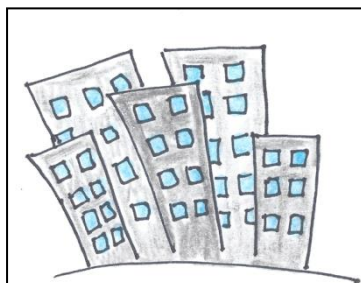
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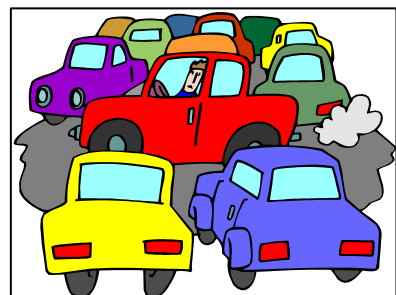
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# Reduced Answer Key

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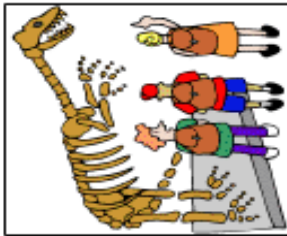
Make activity into a center by laminating pieces.

Use reduced answer key so students can check their sorts.

**Answer Key:** Urban (city) items



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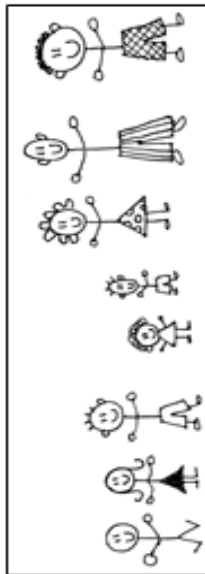
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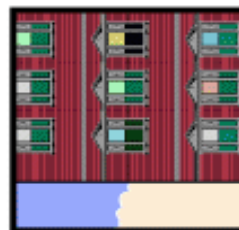
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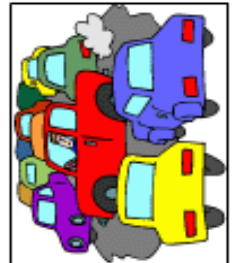
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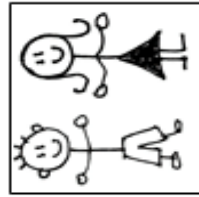
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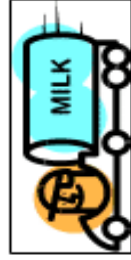
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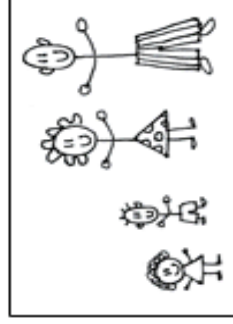
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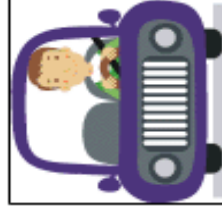
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More people



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Some shopping places



Houses not too far apart and lots of yards.

A decorative border of colorful crayons (yellow, green, blue, red, pink) arranged in a circular pattern around the text.

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