

Patina · Reading

City or Town?

a short story in the simple past · with did and didn't

new words · the story · two homes · ★ the missing word · ★★ five short answers · ★★★ your city or town, in the chat

New words

Four new words. Tap each one and listen. Your language is under every word.

1 rent

the money you pay every month to live in a place

2 upstate

the north part of New York State, far from the city

3 yard

the grass and land around a house

4 quiet

with very little noise

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Read the story. Tap a part to hear it again. Find did and didn't.

In June two roommates moved out of apartment 4B. Elena stayed in the city. She rented a small apartment in Queens. It has one bedroom and a balcony. The rent is \$2,400 a month. Elena walked to the subway and worked in Manhattan.

Sam didn't rent. He wanted a house with a yard. He saved money for five years. In May he signed the papers for a small house in an upstate town. The house has a kitchen, two bedrooms, a basement and a yard.

In July Elena visited Sam. They cooked dinner in the yard. The town was very quiet. "Did you like the city or the town?" Sam asked. Elena laughed. "I liked the town. But I missed the subway!"

Citizen life: the citizenship form asks for every address from the last five years.

Two homes

Two homes. Which rooms does each one have?

Elena's apartment in the city



bedroom



balcony

Sam's house in the town



kitchen



bedroom



basement



yard

★ Write the missing word

Write the missing word. Then type it in the chat.

- 1 Elena rented a small apartment in _____.
- 2 Sam wanted a house with a _____.
- 3 In May Sam _____ the papers for a small house.
- 4 The town was very _____.

★★ Answer short

Read the story again. Answer short: Yes, she did. No, he didn't.

- 1 Did Elena stay in the city?

- 2 Did Sam rent a house?

- 3 Did Sam save money?

- 4 Did Elena move to a town?

- 5 Did Elena like the town?

★★★ Your city or town

Now YOU. Did you live in a city or a town?

Before, I lived in a city / a town in ____.

Like this: I lived in a city in Haiti. 🗣️ I lived in a small town in Mexico. 🗣️

Then ask: Did you like the city or the town? 🗣️

Write one sentence in the chat. Then ask a classmate the question.

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