## Is the countryside better than the city?

## Example of Answer:



- ①In my opinion, the countryside is much better than the city.
- ②Because there are more fun things to do in the countryside than in the city.
- ③ For example, in the countryside you can go fishing, hiking, rock climbing, and hang-gliding.
- 1) agree with you.
- ②But I think that some people do not like such activities.
- 3 In my opinion, the countryside is less stressful than the city.





- ① I disagree with you.
- ② I think that the city is much better than the countryside.
- ③I used to live in the countryside. There are no trains and buses like in the city, so it took me an hour to go to a supermarket by car. That was stressful for me.
- 4 In the city, we can find convinience stores anywhere.

١	What's your opinion?

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## **Basic Phrases**

- (1) あなたの意見に賛成です。I agree with you.基本的には賛成です。I agree with your main point.
- (2) それはいい点をつきました。 That's a good point. それはとても大切な点です。 That's a very important point.
- (3) 私が間違っているといってくれてうれしいI'm glad you mentioned I'm not wrong.
- (4) おっしゃる通り・・・As you say,...
- (5) ご存知かもしれませんが・・・ As you may know, ...
- (6) あなたの言う通りかもしれない、しかし~You may be right, but ...You're probably right, but...
- (7) あなたの考えはわかります。I see what you mean.
- (8) あなたには賛成できません I don't agree with you.
- (9) なんとも言えない I'm not sure.
- (10) わかりません。 I don't know. / I have no idea.

- (11) ○については私はあまりよくわかりません I don't know much about ...
- (12) 私はそれについて特に意見はありません。 I don't have any particular opinion about it.
- (13) どういったらよいかわからないのですが・・・
  I don't know how to tell you this, but ...
- (14) 一般的に・・・ Generally,
- (15) 正直なところ・・・
  To be honest,
- (16) ○○してはどうでしょうか? Could we ...?
- (17) もっといいアイディアがあります I have a better idea.
- (18) 私の言いたいことがわかりますか? Do you see what I mean?
- (19) すみません、誤解していました。 I'm sorry, but I must have misunderstood you.
- (20) 私は間違っていました。 I made a mistake.
- (21) それについては話さない方がいい You had better not talk about it.

## (22) もう一度言ってください。 I beg your pardon. Could you repeat that, please?

- (23) 聞こえませんでした。 I couldn't hear.
- (24) ゆつくり話していただけませんか? Could you speak more slowly?
- (25) ○○は英語でなんと言うんですか? What's – in English?
- (26) えーつと Let me see, Well,