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The \$265,000 job that no one wants

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THE ARTICLE

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There is a job available in the small New Zealand town of Tokoroa, but no one wants it. The job is for a doctor and it pays US\$265,000 a year. For the lucky doctor who takes the job, there is no night work, no weekend work, and house prices in the area are low. Also, he or she would work just four days a week and get 12 weeks' annual holiday. The town's current doctor Alan Kenny is leaving and cannot find anyone to replace him. He has been looking for a replacement for two years but has had no success. Four medical recruitment companies also failed to find a replacement. Dr Kenny thinks the problem is that the job is in the countryside and everyone wants to live and work in the big cities.

It is not only New Zealand that has problems trying to get doctors to live in rural areas. It is also a problem in many other countries too. Last year, Dr Kenny had to cancel a family holiday because he could not find anyone to replace him. Dr Kenny is from the UK and has been a doctor in Tokoroa for 30 years. He said he has a great lifestyle and he wouldn't swap it for city life. At the age of 61, he wants to retire and pass his patients on to someone younger. He told a local newspaper that his job keeps him busy all day and that he loves his work. He is worried about how he can find a new doctor. He said: "I would like to stay but I hit my head against a brick wall trying to attract doctors."

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WARM-UPS

1. DOCTORS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about doctors. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

job / available / doctor / night week / weekend / house prices / replacement / cities / rural / family holiday / lifestyle / swap / retire / patients / someone younger / wall

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. CITY / COUNTRY: Which is best? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Why city is best	Why country is best
Houses		
Social life		
Shopping		
Saving money		
Neighbours		
Health		

4. COUNTRYSIDE: Students A **strongly** believe living in the countryside is better than living in the city; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. JOB: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things for a job at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- location
- salary
- chances of promotion
- holidays
- overtime
- nice boss
- working hours
- bonus

6. TOWN: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "town". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1602/160226-doctors.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. The job is for a doctor in the capital of New Zealand. | T / F |
| b. The job means the doctor will have to work at weekends and nights. | T / F |
| c. A doctor has been looking for his replacement for two years. | T / F |
| d. The doctor said everyone wants to work in the countryside. | T / F |
| e. New Zealand isn't the only country where doctors want to work in cities. | T / F |
| f. The doctor cancelled a family doctor last year because he was ill. | T / F |
| g. The doctor said he would not swap country life for city life. | T / F |
| h. The doctor said he hit his head against a brick wall looking for doctors. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1. lucky | a. way of life |
| 2. low | b. yearly |
| 3. annual | c. difficulty |
| 4. replacement | d. concerned |
| 5. problem | e. fortunate |
| 6. rural | f. scrap |
| 7. cancel | g. woo |
| 8. lifestyle | h. cheap |
| 9. worried | i. countryside |
| 10. attract | j. successor |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. it pays | a. are low |
| 2. house prices in the area | b. a replacement |
| 3. 12 weeks' annual | c. him busy all day |
| 4. failed to find | d. areas |
| 5. live and work | e. holiday |
| 6. live in rural | f. a family holiday |
| 7. Dr Kenny had to cancel | g. a brick wall |
| 8. he wouldn't swap it | h. in the big cities |
| 9. his job keeps | i. for city life |
| 10. hit my head against | j. US\$265,000 a year |

GAP FILL

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There is a job (1) _____ in the small New Zealand town of Tokoroa, but no one wants it. The job is for a doctor and it (2) _____ US\$265,000 a year. For the lucky doctor who takes the job, there is no night work, no weekend work, and house prices in the (3) _____ are low. Also, he or she would work just four days a week and get 12 weeks' (4) _____ holiday. The town's current doctor Alan Kenny is leaving and cannot find anyone to (5) _____ him. He has been looking for a replacement for two years but has had no (6) _____. Four (7) _____ recruitment companies also failed to find a replacement. Dr Kenny thinks the problem is that the job is in the countryside and (8) _____ wants to live and work in the big cities.

area
annual
available
success
replace
everyone
pays
medical

It is not only New Zealand that has problems trying to get doctors to live in (9) _____ areas. It is also a problem in many other countries too. Last year, Dr Kenny had to (10) _____ a family holiday because he could not find anyone to replace him. Dr Kenny is from the UK and has been a doctor in Tokoroa for 30 years. He said he has a great (11) _____ and he wouldn't swap it for city life. At the (12) _____ of 61, he wants to retire and (13) _____ his patients on to someone younger. He told a local newspaper that his job keeps him (14) _____ all day and that he loves his work. He is (15) _____ about how he can find a new doctor. He said: "I would like to stay but I hit my head against a brick wall trying to (16) _____ doctors."

cancel
pass
worried
lifestyle
rural
attract
age
busy

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) There is a job available in the small New Zealand town of Tokoroa, but _____
 - a. no one want it
 - b. no one want sit
 - c. no one wants it
 - d. no one wants one
- 2) there is no night work, no weekend work, and house prices in _____
 - a. the area are lowly
 - b. the area are low
 - c. the area are lows
 - d. the area are lower
- 3) Also, he or she would work just four days a week and get 12 weeks' _____
 - a. annuals holiday
 - b. annual holiday
 - c. annual holidays
 - d. annuals holidays
- 4) The town's current doctor Alan Kenny is leaving and cannot find anyone _____
 - a. to replace them
 - b. too replace him
 - c. to replace him
 - d. for replace him
- 5) the job is in the countryside and everyone wants to live and work _____
 - a. inner big cities
 - b. inner the big cities
 - c. inner the bigger cities
 - d. in the big cities
- 6) It is not only New Zealand that has problems trying to get doctors to _____
 - a. live in rural area
 - b. live in rural areas
 - c. living rural areas
 - d. living in rural areas
- 7) Dr Kenny had to cancel a family holiday because he could not find _____
 - a. anyone to replace him
 - b. someone to replace him
 - c. somebody to replace him
 - d. anybody to replace him
- 8) He said he has a great lifestyle and he wouldn't swap _____
 - a. it for city live
 - b. it for city lifer
 - c. it for city life
 - d. it for city lives
- 9) He told a local newspaper that his job keeps him busy all day and that _____
 - a. he loves his works
 - b. he loves his work
 - c. he loves his worker
 - d. he loves his workers
- 10) He said: "I would like to stay but I hit my head against _____"
 - a. a brick wall
 - b. a brick war
 - c. a brick mall
 - d. a brick ball

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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(7) _____ New Zealand that has problems trying to get doctors to live (8) _____. It is also a problem in many other countries too. Last year, Dr Kenny (9) _____ family holiday because he could not find anyone to replace him. Dr Kenny is from the UK and has been a doctor in Tokoroa for 30 years. He (10) _____ lifestyle and he wouldn't swap it for city life. At the age of 61, he wants to retire and pass his patients on to someone younger. He told a local newspaper that his job (11) _____ all day and that he loves his work. He is worried about how he can find a new doctor. He said: "I would like to stay (12) _____ against a brick wall trying to attract doctors."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1602/160226-doctors.html>

1. What kind of location is the job in?

2. When does the new doctor not have to work?

3. How many weeks of holiday will the new doctor get?

4. For how long has the doctor been looking for a replacement?

5. Where does the doctor say everyone wants to live and work?

6. What did the doctor have to cancel last year?

7. For how long has the doctor worked in the town?

8. How old is the doctor?

9. Who does the doctor want to pass his patients on to?

10. What has the doctor been hitting his head against?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1602/160226-doctors.html>

1. What kind of location is the job in?
 - a) a city suburb
 - b) a big city
 - c) a mountain top
 - d) a small town
2. When does the new doctor not have to work?
 - a) lunch times
 - b) weekends
 - c) mornings
 - d) Tuesdays
3. How many weeks of holiday will the new doctor get?
 - a) 10 weeks
 - b) 11 weeks
 - c) 12 weeks
 - d) 13 weeks
4. For how long has the doctor been looking for a replacement?
 - a) 2 years
 - b) 3 years
 - c) 4 years
 - d) 5 years
5. Where does the doctor say everyone wants to live and work?
 - a) for a big hospital
 - b) New York
 - c) in the big cities
 - d) in another country
6. What did the doctor have to cancel last year?
 - a) his doctor's license
 - b) a family holiday
 - c) a pension
 - d) his credit cards
7. For how long has the doctor worked in the town?
 - a) 23 years
 - b) 33 years
 - c) 13 years
 - d) 30 years
8. How old is the doctor?
 - a) 61
 - b) 62
 - c) 65
 - d) 60
9. Who does the doctor want to pass his patients on to?
 - a) his daughter
 - b) a hospital
 - c) someone younger
 - d) his boss
10. What has the doctor been hitting his head against?
 - a) his desk
 - b) a brick wall
 - c) a hospital bed
 - d) his patients

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Location

You think location is most important for a job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a nice boss, chances of promotion or holidays.

Role B – Nice boss

You think a nice boss is most important for a job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): location, chances of promotion or holidays.

Role C – Chances of promotion

You think chances of promotion are most important for a job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a nice boss, location or holidays.

Role D – Holidays

You think holidays are most important for a job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a nice boss, chances of promotion or location.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1602/160226-doctors.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'city' and 'country'.

city	country
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• available• lucky• 12• two• four• big	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• rural• cancel• 30• pass• local• wall
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DOCTORS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about doctors in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

DOCTORS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'doctor'?
- 3) What do you think about what you read?
- 4) Why do you think it is so difficult to find someone for this job?
- 5) What is your ideal job?
- 6) What do you think of the benefits of this doctor's job?
- 7) What are the bad things about being a doctor?
- 8) Is city living better than country living?
- 9) Would it be better for a doctor to live in the countryside?
- 10) What advice do you have for Dr Kenny?

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DOCTORS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) What are the advantages of living in rural areas?
- 13) What is it like living in a rural area in your country?
- 14) What do you think of doctors?
- 15) What do you think of your lifestyle?
- 16) Do you love your job?
- 17) What more can Dr Kenny do to find a replacement?
- 18) At what age would you like to retire, and why?
- 19) Why is Dr Kenny hitting his head against a brick wall?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask Dr Kenny?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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It is not only New Zealand that has problems (7) _____ to get doctors to live in rural areas. It is also a problem in many other countries too. Last year, Dr Kenny had to (8) _____ a family holiday because he could not find anyone to replace him. Dr Kenny is from the UK and has been a doctor in Tokoroa for 30 years. He said he has a great lifestyle and he wouldn't (9) _____ it for city life. At the age of 61, he wants to retire and (10) _____ his patients on to someone younger. He told a local newspaper that his job (11) _____ him busy all day and that he loves his work. He is worried about how he can find a new doctor. He said: "I would like to stay but I hit my head (12) _____ a brick wall trying to attract doctors."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) avails | (b) avail | (c) availability | (d) available |
| 2. | (a) wages | (b) salaries | (c) rewards | (d) pays |
| 3. | (a) rent | (b) low | (c) priced | (d) dollars |
| 4. | (a) annul | (b) annulled | (c) annual | (d) annually |
| 5. | (a) targeted | (b) good | (c) success | (d) achieve |
| 6. | (a) to | (b) at | (c) for | (d) by |
| 7. | (a) tried | (b) trying | (c) tries | (d) trial |
| 8. | (a) cancel | (b) button | (c) suck | (d) lift |
| 9. | (a) swipe | (b) swap | (c) wisp | (d) wasp |
| 10. | (a) throw | (b) advance | (c) pass | (d) fuel |
| 11. | (a) remains | (b) stays | (c) keeps | (d) has |
| 12. | (a) remote | (b) ongoing | (c) from | (d) against |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. There is a job ablaveila
2. 12 weeks' nnuaal holiday
3. ...but has had no sesucsc
4. Four laemcid recruitment companies
5. find a Inaeprcmet
6. the job is in the sniycteruod

Paragraph 2

7. trying to get doctors to live in laurr areas
8. ncealc a family holiday
9. he has a great sltefyile
10. he wants to reiter
11. He is ewroird about how
12. trying to ctttara doctors

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () and it pays US\$265,000 a year. For the lucky doctor who takes the job, there is no night work, no weekend
- () work, and house prices in the area are low. Also, he or she would work just four days a week and get 12 weeks'
- () "I would like to stay but I hit my head against a brick wall trying to attract doctors."
- () in Tokoroa for 30 years. He said he has a great lifestyle and he wouldn't swap it for city life. At the age of
- (**1**) There is a job available in the small New Zealand town of Tokoroa, but no one wants it. The job is for a doctor
- () holiday because he could not find anyone to replace him. Dr Kenny is from the UK and has been a doctor
- () busy all day and that he loves his work. He is worried about how he can find a new doctor. He said:
- () failed to find a replacement. Dr Kenny thinks the problem is that the job is in
- () looking for a replacement for two years but has had no success. Four medical recruitment companies also
- () 61, he wants to retire and pass his patients on to someone younger. He told a local newspaper that his job keeps him
- () annual holiday. The town's current doctor Alan Kenny is leaving and cannot find anyone to replace him. He has been
- () the countryside and everyone wants to live and work in the big cities.
- () It is not only New Zealand that has problems trying to get doctors to live in rural
- () areas. It is also a problem in many other countries too. Last year, Dr Kenny had to cancel a family

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. or she would work just four days a week He .

2. and cannot find anyone to replace him Kenny is leaving .

3. a companies find Recruitment to failed replacement also .

4. in the countryside The problem is that the job is .

5. to live and work in the big cities Everyone wants .

6. get doctors to live in rural areas Problems trying to .

7. a problem in many other countries too It is also .

8. to pass on younger and patients someone Retire his .

9. new a find can he how about worried is He doctor .

10. wall against hit doctors trying a my to brick head I attract .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1602/160226-doctors.html>

There is a job *available* / *availability* in the small New Zealand town of Tokoroa, but no one *wants* / *wishes* it. The job is for a doctor and it pays US\$265,000 a year. For the *luckily* / *lucky* doctor who takes the job, there is no night work, no weekend work, and house *price* / *prices* in the area are low. Also, he or she would work just four days *a* / *the* week and get 12 weeks' annual holiday. The town's *currant* / *current* doctor Alan Kenny is leaving and cannot find anyone *to* / *for* replace him. He has been looking for a replacement for two years but has *have* / *had* no success. Four medical recruitment companies also failed to find a *replace* / *replacement*. Dr Kenny thinks the problem is *that* / *what* the job is in the countryside and everyone wants to live and work in the big cities.

It is not only New Zealand that has *problem* / *problems* trying to get doctors to live in *rural* / *really* areas. It is also a problem in many *other* / *another* countries too. Last year, Dr Kenny had to cancel a family holiday because he could not *find* / *fund* anyone to replace him. Dr Kenny is from the UK and has been a doctor *at* / *in* Tokoroa for 30 years. He said he has a great lifestyle and he wouldn't *wasp* / *swap* it for city life. At the *age* / *old* of 61, he wants to retire and pass his patients *in* / *on* to someone younger. He told a local newspaper that his job keeps him *busily* / *busy* all day and that he loves his work. He is *worry* / *worried* about how he can find a new doctor. He said: "I would like to stay but I hit my head against a brick wall trying to attract doctors."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_r_ _s_ _j_b_ _v_ _l_b_l_ _n th_ sm_ll N_w Z__l_nd
t_wn_ _f T_k_r_ , b_t n_ _n_w_n_t_s_ _t. Th_ j_b_ _s_ f_r_ _
d_ct_r_ _nd_ _t p_ys_ _S\$265,000_ _y__r. F_r th_ l_cky
d_ct_r_ wh_ t_k_s_ th_ j_b_ , th_r_ _s_ n_ n_gh_t w_rk_ , n_
w__k_nd w_rk_ , _nd h__s_ pr_c_s_ _n th_ _r__ _r_l_w.
ls , h_ _r sh_ w__ld w_rk j_st f__r d_ys_ _w__k_ _nd
g_t 12 w__ks' _nn__l h_l_d_y. Th_ t_wn's_ c_rr_nt
d_ct_r_ _l_n K_nny_ _s_ l__v_ng_ _nd c_nn_t f_nd_ _ny_n_
t_ _r_pl_c_ _h_m. H_ _h_s_ b__n_ l__k_ng_ f_r_ _
r_pl_c_m_nt_ f_r tw_ y__rs_ b_t h_s_ h_d_ n_ s_cc_ss.
F__r m_d_c_l_r cr__tm_nt_ c_mp_n_s_ _ls_ f__l_d_ t_
f_nd_ _r_pl_c_m_nt. Dr K_nny_ th_nks_ th_ pr_bl_m_ _s_
th_t th_ j_b_ _s_ _n th_ c__ntrys_ d__nd_ v_ry_n_ w_n_t_s_
t_ l_v_ _nd w_rk_ _n th_ b_g_c_t__s.

t _s_ n_t_ _nly N_w Z__l_nd th_t h_s_ pr_bl_ms_ try_ng_ t_
g_t d_ct_rs_ t_ l_v_ _n r_r_l_ _r__s. _t_ _s_ _ls_ _
pr_bl_m_ _n m_ny_ _th_r_ c__ntr__s_ t__ . L_st_ y__r, Dr
K_nny_ h_d_ t_ c_nc_l_ _f_m_ly_ h_l_d_y_ b_c__s_ h_
c__ld_ n_t_ f_nd_ _ny_n_ t_ _r_pl_c_ _h_m. Dr K_nny_ _s_
fr_m th_ _K_ _nd h_s_ b__n_ _d_ct_r_ _n T_k_r__ f_r 30
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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there is a job available in the small new zealand town of tokoroa but no one wants it the job is for a doctor and it pays us\$265000 a year for the lucky doctor who takes the job there is no night work no weekend work and house prices in the area are low also he or she would work just four days a week and get 12 weeks' annual holiday the town's current doctor alan kenny is leaving and cannot find anyone to replace him he has been looking for a replacement for two years but has had no success four medical recruitment companies also failed to find a replacement dr kenny thinks the problem is that the job is in the countryside and everyone wants to live and work in the big cities

it is not only new zealand that has problems trying to get doctors to live in rural areas it is also a problem in many other countries too last year dr kenny had to cancel a family holiday because he could not find anyone to replace him dr kenny is from the uk and has been a doctor in tokoroa for 30 years he said he has a great lifestyle and he wouldn't swap it for city life at the age of 61 he wants to retire and pass his patients on to someone younger he told a local newspaper that his job keeps him busy all day and that he loves his work he is worried about how he can find a new doctor he said "i would like to stay but i hit my head against a brick wall trying to attract doctors"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ACADEMIC WRITING

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City living is better than countryside living. Discuss.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about doctors in rural areas. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. DOCTORS: Make a poster about doctors. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. CITY LIFE: Write a magazine article about city life and country life. Include imaginary interviews with people who prefer city life and with those who prefer country life.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on doctors. Ask him/her three questions about doctors. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to get doctors to move to the countryside. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b F c T d F e T f F g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1. lucky | a. fortunate |
| 2. low | b. cheap |
| 3. annual | c. yearly |
| 4. replacement | d. successor |
| 5. problem | e. difficulty |
| 6. rural | f. countryside |
| 7. cancel | g. scrap |
| 8. lifestyle | h. way of life |
| 9. worried | i. concerned |
| 10. attract | j. woo |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A small town (in the countryside)
2. At nights and at weekends
3. 12
4. Two years
5. In the big cities
6. A family holiday
7. 30 years
8. 61
9. Someone younger
10. A brick wall

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. d 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. a 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)