ECOUTE #14

City or country 1.

Am I city or country ? I grew up in the country, spent my first eighteen years there, and I've spent the last twelve years of my life in the city. In the end, I think I prefer living in the city. However, I'm very happy that I grew up in the country. I'm glad I grew up there because there is a lot of open space, which I think is really good for a child's imagination. Life in the country is great because it's very peaceful, very restful and life there is safe. The only thing you have to worry about in the country in Australia are the animals, the dangerous animals such as the snakes. Where I grew up, in summertime especially, you always have to be at the lookout for the snakes. So when I was eighteen years old, and after I graduated high school, I moved to the city of Melbourne to attend university. At the start, I found life in the city very difficult. It was so much different from living in the country. It took me a long time to adjust to living in an urban environment, around lots of people, not having the space that I had in the country. In the end, however, and after spending a number of years there, I came to prefer living in the city. Everything is close for buying, don't have to drive 10-15 minutes to go to the store, you can walk there. You're so much closer to your friends and it's much more lively: there is a lot of things going on, lots of restaurants, lots of bars, lots of live music and so on.

*restful : calme
        -> to take rest : se reposer
*to be at the lookout for : être à l'affût de
*to graduate : obtenir son diplôme
*to attend : assister à, suivre
*lively : vif, animé