



01 - VOCABULARY: THE COUNTRYSIDE



- 1 - If you're living in an urban area and looking for a little **change of scenery**, why not take a weekend trip to the **surrounding countryside**?
- 2 - You can walk through the **wildlife preserve**, where a **winding footpath** will lead you through **dense forests, vast meadows, and rolling hills**.
- 3 - Adventurous visitors will enjoy exploring the **rocky landscape** of Yosemite National Park with its **towering cliffs** and **magnificent waterfalls**.
- 4 - You can take a **hiking trail** that goes up the **steepest face of the tallest mountain** in the park.
- 5 - The trail starts at the **foot of the mountain** and the ascent takes about four hours; you can stop on the banks of a **bubbling mountain stream**.
- 6 - From the summit, there's a **spectacular panoramic view** of the area.
- 7 - To the east, you can see the jagged, snow-covered peaks of a **distant mountain range**.
- 8 - You can gaze at the **lush green countryside** to the south, and when looking west, you can see the **slow-moving, shallow river** that flows lazily towards the ocean.
- 9 - The coastline is just a three-hour drive from the mountains, with miles of **sun-drenched, sandy beaches**.
- 10 - You can stay overnight at a family-run hotel in the **picturesque fishing village**, where every room has an **unobstructed view** of the sea.

11 - The beaches tend to get crowded in the summer, so one option is to take a **boat trip** across the bay and explore the **secluded beaches** on the island – **it's well worth the trip.**