

Room to Roam

Read for clues about rural communities.

2.1c "Rural communities are characterized by large expanses of open land and significantly lower populations than urban or suburban areas."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the words that tell about large open land, and circle the words that tell about few people or homes.

Maya Visits the Country

- ① On a class visit, Maya rode past a rural community. Houses stood far apart along quiet roads. Between them were wide fields, grazing areas, and woods. The land had room for farms, animals, and trees.
- ② At the farm stand, Maya met only a few people. The community had fewer people living in the same amount of space than a city or suburb. This is called a lower population density.
- ③ Because there are fewer homes, rural neighbors may live a long way from one another. A school bus can travel past fields and woods before reaching the next house. Large open land and low population help describe rural communities.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

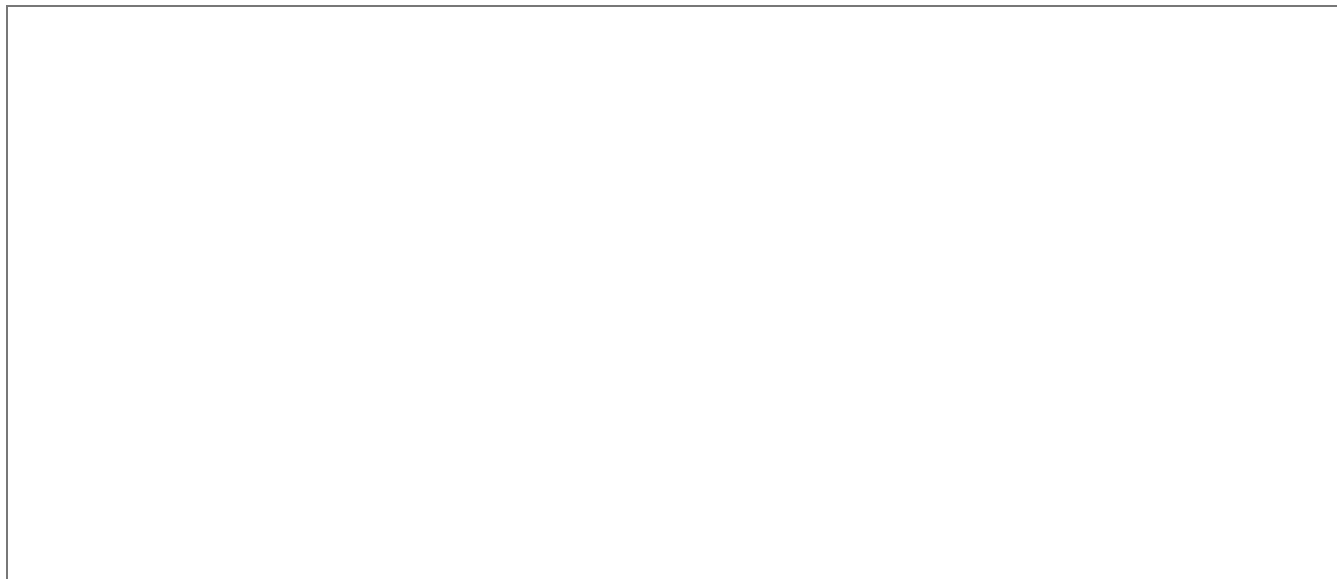
1 Name two kinds of open land Maya saw in the rural community.

2 What does lower population density mean in this passage?

3 How are homes in the rural community placed?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Draw a rural community. Include three homes far apart and at least one wide field, grazing area, or woods. Then write one sentence telling why your drawing shows a rural community.



PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the words that tell about large open land, and circle the words that tell about few people or homes. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Name two kinds of open land Maya saw in the rural community.	Any two: wide fields, grazing areas, or woods.
2	What does lower population density mean in this passage?	Fewer people live in the same amount of space than in a city or suburb.
3	How are homes in the rural community placed?	The homes stand far apart, and neighbors may live a long way from one another.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Drawing: Three houses are far apart, with a wide field and woods between them. Sentence: This rural community has open land and few homes.

Accept any two open-land features named in the passage. For the drawing, look for homes spaced apart, open land, and a sentence connecting open land or few homes to a rural community.