

National Geographic Kids Readers: City and Country

Notes for parents: reading this book with your child

- Before you share this book, talk with your child about where they live. Ask: *Do we live in/near a city or in/near the country?* Discuss their ideas.
- Look at the front cover and talk about what you can see in the two pictures, making connections to city living and country living.
- Look at the contents pages together and read through the chapter headings to find out what the book will explore.
- Here are some ways you can help your child as they learn to read:
 - Read the book together, enjoying finding out about living in different places.
 - Encourage them to look carefully at the pictures and to talk about what they can see. Help them to make connections between the pictures and text.
 - Try to answer the questions that the book asks in the *'Your Turn!'* sections. Use talk to draw out your child's ideas.
 - Help your child with any unfamiliar words. Encourage them to use phonics and existing word knowledge to try to work the word out. Even if they can't sound out the whole word, they may be able to sound out part of it, and this may help them read the word.
 - Give them lots of praise and encouragement!
- Help your child to tell the story of where they live, using vocabulary from the book and their own experiences to support their ideas.
- Discuss what is the same and what is different for children who live in a city and in the country.