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Bear Cub Checkup!

This **scientist** is bear-y happy. She gets to give fuzzy bear cubs a winter checkup!

Scientist Rae Wynn-Grant

My name _____

Bear Care

Snow falls in the woods. A black bear is **hibernating** in a den. The bear's body is still. Her heart beats slowly. Her cubs cuddle with her.

Rae is a scientist. She crawls into the den. She gently takes the cubs. She pulls them outside.

Rae is checking on the cubs. She wants to see if they are healthy. Let's see what she does, step-by-step.

—Laine Falk

As You

Think about
Rae does

Cub Checkup, Step-by-Step

Here is how Rae checks

Step 1:

First, Rae goes into the den. Rae gives the mama bear a shot so she stays asleep.



Step 2:

Next, she pulls the cubs out of the den. There are usually two or three cubs inside.



Read

the different things
check on the bears.



Rae checks on
a bear cub.

on the cubs.

Step 3:

After that, she
checks on the cubs.
She measures them.
She puts them in a
bag to weigh them.



cub in here!

Step 4:

Last, she puts the
bears back in the
den. The bears
stay inside until
spring. That's
when the mama
bear wakes up!



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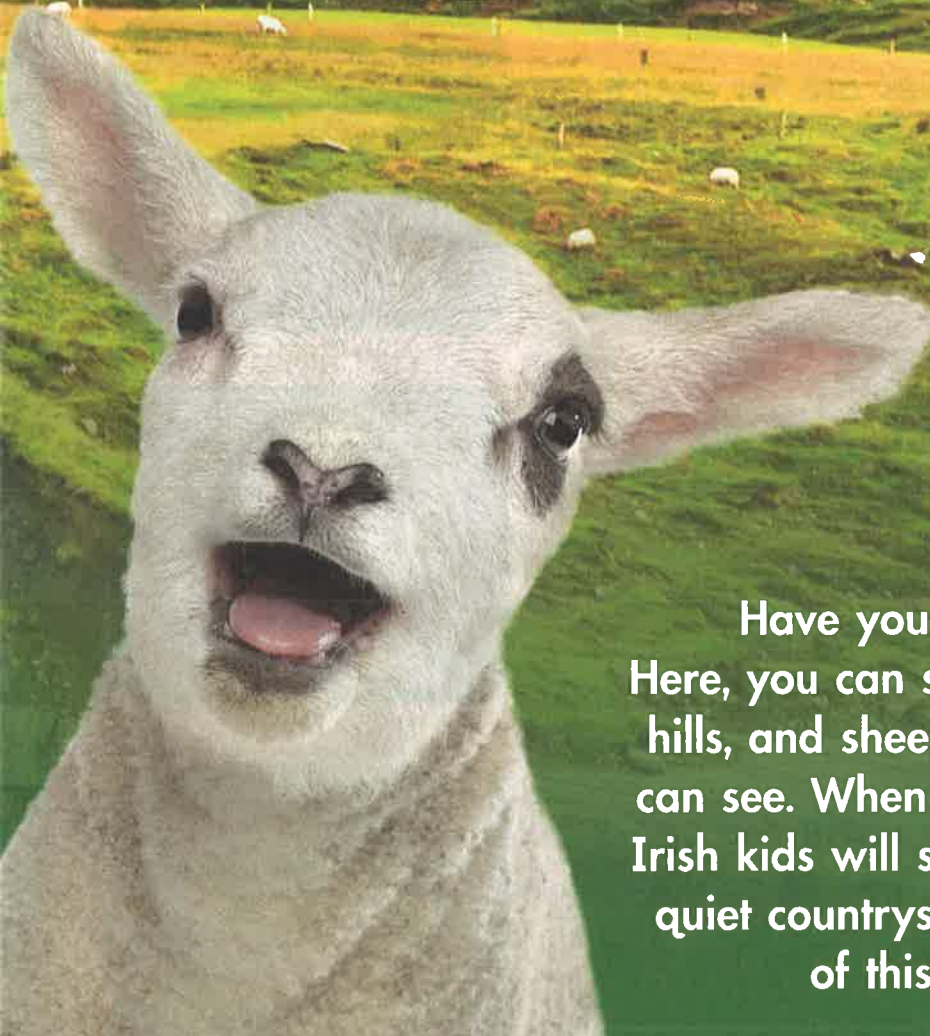
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Welcome to Ireland!



Have you heard of Ireland? Here, you can see castles, rolling green hills, and sheep. But that's not all you can see. When you turn the page, two Irish kids will show you all around the quiet countryside and the busy cities of this faraway land.

My name _____



Country Life,



I'm Grace. I live in the countryside of Ireland. Let me tell you all about it.

In the country, houses are far apart. It can take a long time to drive to my friends' houses. One of my friends has a roof made of straw!



There are so many sheep in the countryside. In fact, there are more sheep than people! Sometimes cars have to stop for them in the road.



Out here, tall, rocky **cliffs** rise up from the ocean. I love to look at the cliffs. I search for puffins. They lay their eggs right in the cliff wall.



City Life

As You Read

Think about how country life is different from city life. How is it alike?



**I'm Ryan. I live in a city in Ireland.
Let me tell you all about it.**

In the city, buildings are close together. My friend's **apartment** is only a short walk away. Many families can live in one apartment building.



There are so many cars in the city! It's hard to park on the busy streets. So a lot of people take buses. My favorites are the double-decker buses.



Everyone likes to relax at the city parks. I sit in the park and watch the crowds go by. I always try to get a seat by the pond. That way I can watch the swans swim by with their fuzzy babies.





The country is also known as a **rural community**.

The city is also known as an **urban community**.

Read each riddle below. Which kind of community does each child live in?

1. I live in an apartment building.
Many families live there.
My friend lives right next door!

What kind of community do I live in?

rural urban



2. It takes a while to drive to my friend's house.
On the drive, we see many sheep.
We see a castle too.

What kind of community do I live in?

rural urban



3. I live in a house.
It has a roof made of straw.
The nearest house is far away from mine.

What kind of community do I live in?

rural urban



4. The streets are busy where I live.
There are so many cars and buses.
Some of them are double-decker buses.

What kind of community do I live in?

rural urban

