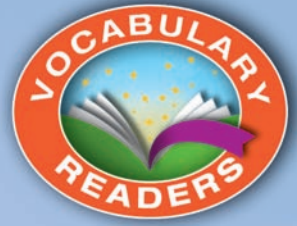


Take a Trip to China



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A large photograph of the Great Wall of China winding across a green, hilly landscape. The wall is made of grey stone and brick, with several watchtowers. A large crowd of people is walking along the wall. Some people are holding umbrellas. The sky is blue with some light clouds.

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🔊 **Where in the World Is China?**

China is one of the biggest countries in the world.

- 🔊 It has hills and valleys in the east.
- Dry deserts are found in the north.
- Tall mountains stand in the west.



- ▶ You may be **startled** to learn how many people live in China. Almost 1.5 billion people live there.
- ▶ That's more than four times the number of people who live in the United States!



🔊 Life in the Country

Most people live in the country.

They make their homes in small towns or **villages**.

🔊 There they catch fish or grow crops for a living.

Fishermen sail along China's Yangtze River.

They **toss** large nets into the water and hope to catch many fish.



- 🔊 Farmers grow rice, cotton, pears, and sweet potatoes.
- 🔊 They also raise chickens, pigs, cows, and sheep.

The animals are **contained** in pens so they don't wander away!



🔊 Life in the Cities

Other people live in cities.

Shanghai is the biggest city in China.

🔊 It is **odd** to think that it used to be a village, because today millions of people live there.



- ▶ In cities, some people work in factories.
They make toys, shoes, radios, and more.
- ▶ Many of the things they make are sent all over the world.
Maybe some of your things were made in China.



🔊 Visiting China

Many people travel to China each year.

🔊 They are **grateful** for the chance to visit China's special places.

Many people visit the Great Wall because it was built thousands of years ago.



🔊 Visitors often travel to Beijing, which is the capital of China.

🔊 It is famous for its dancers and acrobats.

They are fun to watch because they **lean** and bend.



China

Here is a map of China.

Can you find all the places named
in this book?

Search for them on the map.



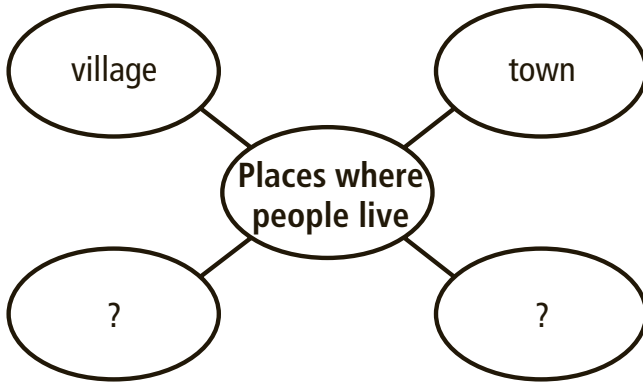
Responding



TARGET VOCABULARY

Word Builder

The word **village** describes a place where people live. Copy the web below. Fill in two other places where people live.



Write About It

Text to Text Think of another country you have read about. Do the people there live in villages or in other kinds of places?

Write a few sentences that tell where they live. Use words from the Word Builder.



TARGET VOCABULARY

contained
grateful
leaned
odd

search
startled
tossed
village



TARGET STRATEGY

Summarize Stop to tell important ideas as you read.



I can be strange or I can be the opposite of even. What am I?

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Social Studies

Strategy:

Summarize

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