

Flip the Focus Answer Key

(Answers may vary; sample rewrite below)

The city and the countryside offer very different ways of life. The city is loud and fast-paced, filled with tall buildings and constant motion, whereas the countryside is quiet, peaceful, and surrounded by open fields. In the city, people rush to catch buses and work in offices, while those in the country often farm, garden, or relax outdoors. Although both places have their charm, the countryside feels calm while the city feels thrilling.

Teacher's Guide

- **Focus Skill:** Reinforces understanding of **contrast writing** and the use of **antonyms** and **signal words** to shift from similarities to opposites.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For struggling learners, provide a list of contrast transitions (*however, in contrast, unlike, yet*) and sample opposite pairs (*quiet/loud, busy/calm*).
 - For advanced students, challenge them to maintain balanced tone while deepening vocabulary (e.g., *metropolitan vs. rural, dynamic vs. serene*).
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Read two short passages-one comparing, one contrasting-and ask students to identify how signal words shape meaning.
 - Pair students and assign one to argue "city life" and the other "country life" using contrast sentences.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Have students rewrite any paragraph from their writing notebooks, flipping it from comparison to contrast.
 - Introduce transitional variety by practicing paragraph rewrites using *however, yet, though*, and *in contrast* in different sentence positions.