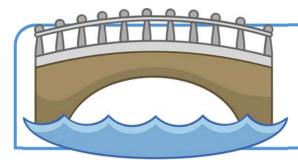
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Nordic Living

Directions: Read the passage about Sweden. Then answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Life in Sweden

Sweden is a country in northern Europe known for its bright cities, thick forests, and long winters. Many families live in cheerful towns where buildings are painted in bold colors that stand out during snowy months. In the winter, daylight can be very short, so people spend time enjoying warm meals, indoor games, and cozy gatherings. When summer arrives, sunlight lasts much longer, and families explore forests filled with tall pine trees, calm lakes, and wildlife such as moose and foxes.

Stockholm, the capital city, is built on many islands connected by bridges. People travel by bus, ferry, and bike to move around the city. Outside the cities, Sweden's forests cover large areas of the country. These forests provide wood for homes and furniture, and they are popular places for hiking. Even children learn to respect nature and enjoy open spaces. No matter where they live, people in Sweden learn to adapt to the changing seasons and appreciate the beauty of the outdoors.

Comprehension Questions

- 1. What are two things Sweden is known for?
- 2. Why do buildings in many Swedish towns have bold colors?
- 3. How do people spend time during the short winter days?
- 4. What happens to daylight during Sweden's summer?
- 5. What makes Stockholm unique compared to many other cities?
- 6. Why are forests important in Sweden?
- 7. What are two examples of wildlife mentioned in the passage?
- 8. How do people in Sweden show respect for nature?

