

## Summary: Kinds of Communities

### Tennessee Communities

Communities in Tennessee are different sizes. The communities use the land in different ways.

A big city, such as Memphis, is an urban area. An urban area has a large population. Many people live and work there. In Memphis, people can visit a zoo, an aquarium, and many museums. They can ride a bus, trolley, or train around the city.

Some people want to live near a big city, but not in one. They live in a suburb. Suburbs have stores, schools, parks, community centers, and theaters like urban areas. Suburbs are not as crowded as cities. Collierville is a suburb of Memphis. Many people travel to Memphis each day to work.

Other people live in small communities farther away from a city. These communities may have farms and a lot of open land. A rural area does not have many stores, schools, or banks. There are fewer people. Sharon is a rural area in Tennessee.

### Comparing Communities

There are urban and rural areas around the world. Some areas are like those in Tennessee. Some areas are different.

Tokyo is an urban area in Japan. Like Memphis it has lots of businesses. Many people from the suburbs work in Tokyo. However, Tokyo has a larger population than Memphis. Japan and Tennessee both have rural areas of farms and small communities. Tennessee has flat or rolling farmland and houses are far apart. In Japan, farmers live close together in villages, and they cut fields into hillsides.



#### Before You Read

Find and underline each vocabulary word.

**urban area** *noun*, another name for city land and spaces

**population** *noun*, the number of people who live in an area

**suburb** *noun*, a community next to or close to a city

**rural area** *noun*, a place far from a city



#### After You Read

**REVIEW** What is one way that urban areas, suburbs, and rural areas are different?

Circle three sentences that tell about the population of each area.

**REVIEW** How are rural areas in Tennessee and Japan alike and different? Highlight three sentences that answer the question.