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California Connections

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Part 1

Both Mount Shasta City and Oceanside are cities in California.

Mount Shasta City is in the northern part of the state. Oceanside is in the southern part.

Watch what Johanna and Leroy do every day. This will tell you the story of two different cities.

Johanna lives in a small town called Mount Shasta City. Her cousin, Leroy, lives in a larger city called Oceanside. Can you tell which one lives in the mountains and which one lives on the coast?

Johanna lives in a small white house near Mount Shasta City. The house has a fireplace in the family room. She rides a yellow school bus to Mount Shasta School. She likes talking to her friends as they ride to school.

The bus goes on roads through conifer forests. It goes downhill on the way to school. It goes uphill on the way back home.

In winter, the trees are covered with snow. Sometimes, trucks have to move the snow off of the roads.

In spring, wildflowers bloom on the side of the road.

During the winter, Johanna's family likes to ski on Mount Shasta.

During the summer, they go hiking in the mountains and camping by the lake. Sometimes, they pick blackberries in the mountains. They cook fish over a campfire.

Johanna's family buys some of their food at the farmer's market. Farmers come to town to sell fresh tomatoes, peaches, plums, and other fruits and vegetables. They sell nuts, too, like walnuts and almonds.

Johanna thinks Mount Shasta City is a great place to live.

How is where you live like Mount Shasta City?

How is where you live different from Mount Shasta City?

Part 2

Leroy lives in an apartment in Oceanside. The apartment has a playground and a swimming pool.

Leroy walks to Oceanside School with his friends. A crossing guard helps them cross the streets. It is sunny and warm almost every day. Leroy never has to wear a winter coat!

Leroy's family likes to have picnics on the beach. Sometimes, they buy ice cream for dessert.

They like to watch people surfing the waves. Once they went whale watching when Johanna came to visit. Leroy's mom works at the California Surf Museum. A lot of tourists come to visit the museum.

Leroy loves going to the pier on the Fourth of July to watch fireworks. The pier is made of wood. It is very long.

People in Oceanside get to enjoy fresh seafood. Boats bring fish in from the ocean.

Sometimes, sand blows over the roads close to the beach.

Farmers around Oceanside grow fruits and vegetables. They grow strawberries, dates, and avocados.

Leroy thinks Oceanside is a great place to live.

How is where you live like Oceanside?

How is where you live different from Oceanside?

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