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## G2 Reading & Speaking Practice Lesson #2 Story

In the Japanese countryside, the decrease in population has become a serious problem recently. In some small towns, for example, younger people have moved to cities. Therefore, in these towns there are houses that are not being used. Some local

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## **Questions**

1) What has become a serious problem in the Japanese countryside?

The decrease in population has become a serious problem.

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- 2) What is one reason for the decrease in population in the countryside?

  For example, younger people have moved to cities.
- 3) What do some towns in the countryside have? They have houses that are not being used.
- 4) How are some local governments trying to bring

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6) Why do you think younger people move from the countryside to cities?

There aren't many opportunities for a better life in the countryside.

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- 7) How else can towns get more people to visit?

  If they hold special festivals or events, then more people will want to come to take part in them.
- 8) Is there anything you can do to try to help improve your own city?

  If we shop at local stores and eat at local restaurants, it will help employ local people and

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