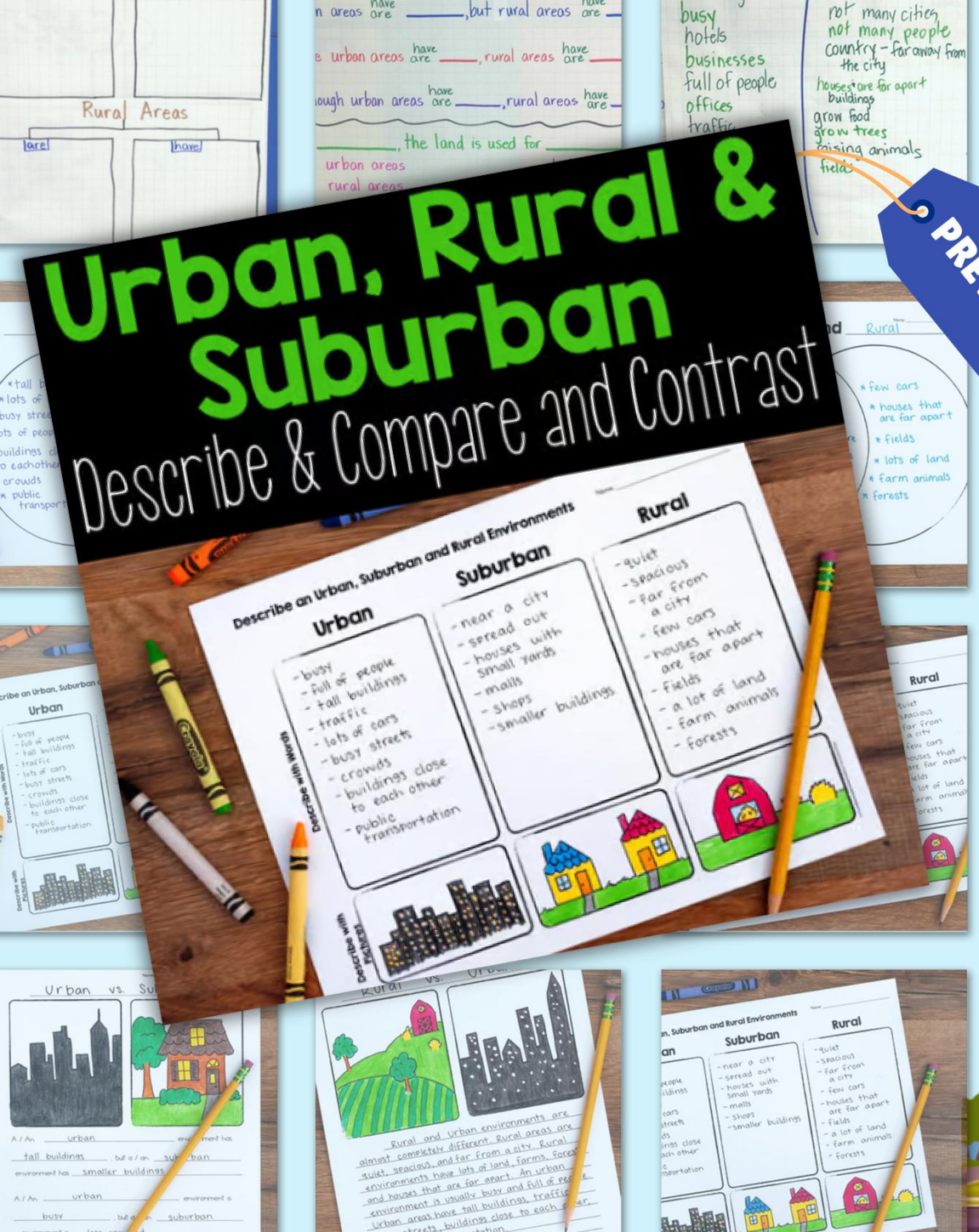


1ST – 3RD GRADES

Bring Communities to Life with...

URBAN, RURAL, AND SUBURBAN

COMPARE & CONTRAST UNIT

KEEP SCROLLING TO SEE WHAT'S INSIDE!



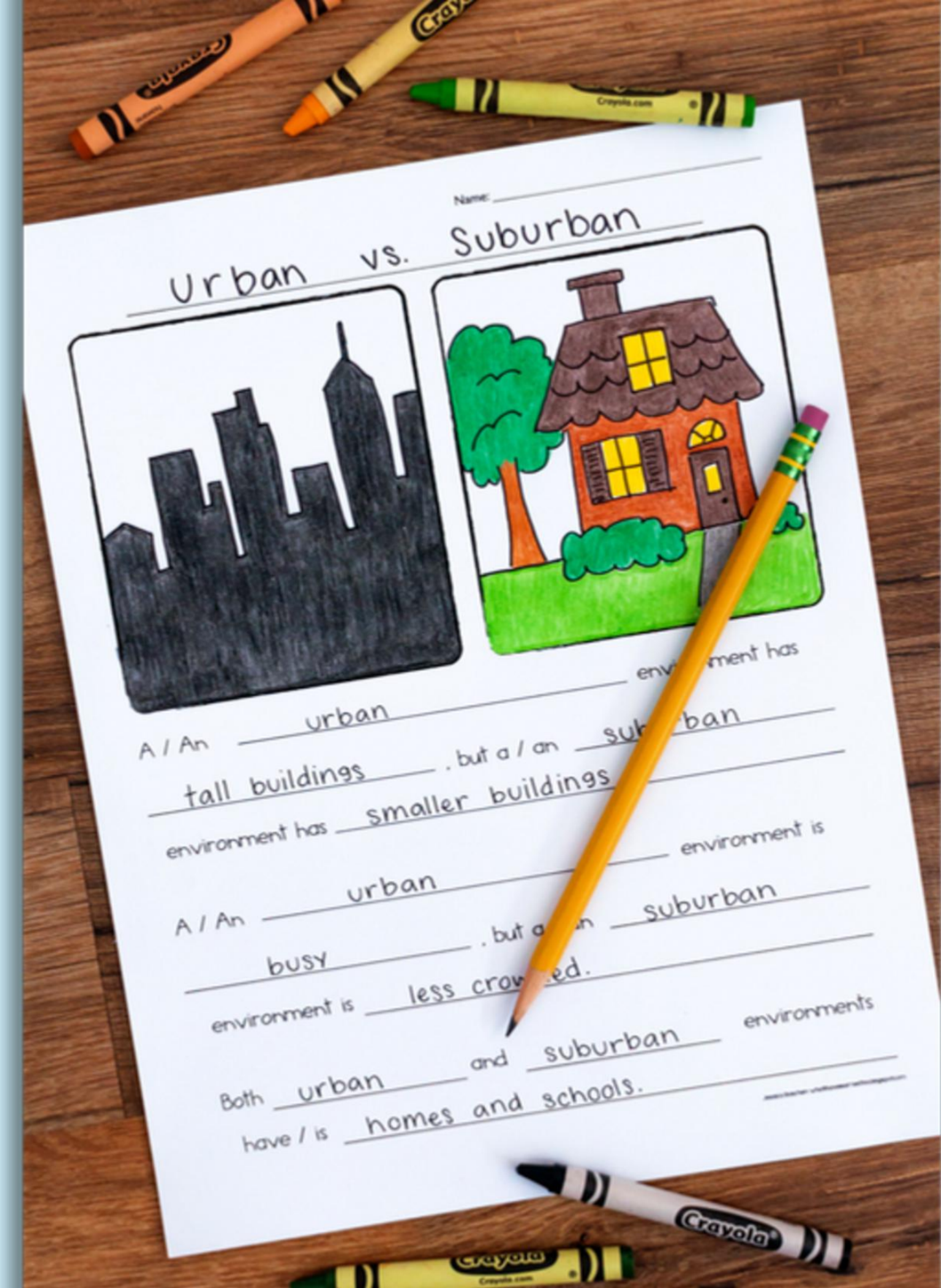
WHAT'S INCLUDED

🏙️ **Graphic Organizers** for urban, suburban, and rural templates.

✏️ **Structured Writing Frames** for description and comparison writing

🔍 **Venn Diagrams** compare and contrast features of each community type

📖 **Teacher Guidance** for oral language practice and scaffolding



GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

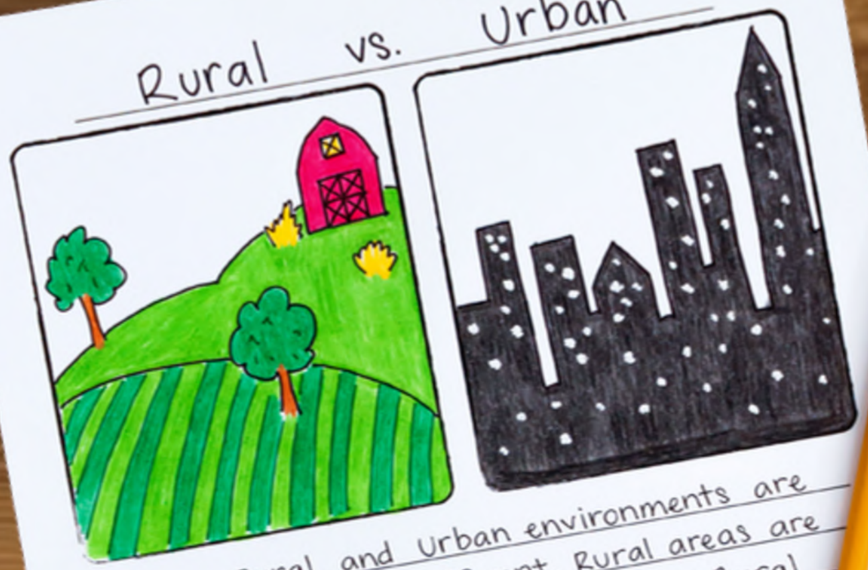
Name: _____

Describe an Urban, Suburban and Rural Environments

	Urban	Suburban	Rural
Describe with Words	- busy - full of people - tall buildings - traffic - lots of cars - busy streets - crowds - buildings close to each other - public transportation	- near a city - spread out - houses with small yards - malls - shops - smaller buildings	- quiet - spacious - far from a city - few cars - houses that are far apart - fields - a lot of land - farm animals - forests
Describe with Pictures			

Name: _____

Rural vs. Urban



Rural and Urban environments are almost completely different. Rural areas are quiet, spacious, and far from a city. Rural environments have lots of land, farms, forests and houses that are far apart. An urban environment is usually busy and full of people. Urban areas have tall buildings, traffic, busy streets, buildings close to each other, and public transportation.

Name: _____

Describe one Urban, Suburban and Rural Environment

Use the sentence frames to talk with a partner about each of the environments.

An urban environment is _____.

busy
full of people

An urban environment has _____.

tall buildings
traffic
lots of cars
busy streets
a lot of people
crowds
buildings close to each other
public transportation

A rural environment is _____.

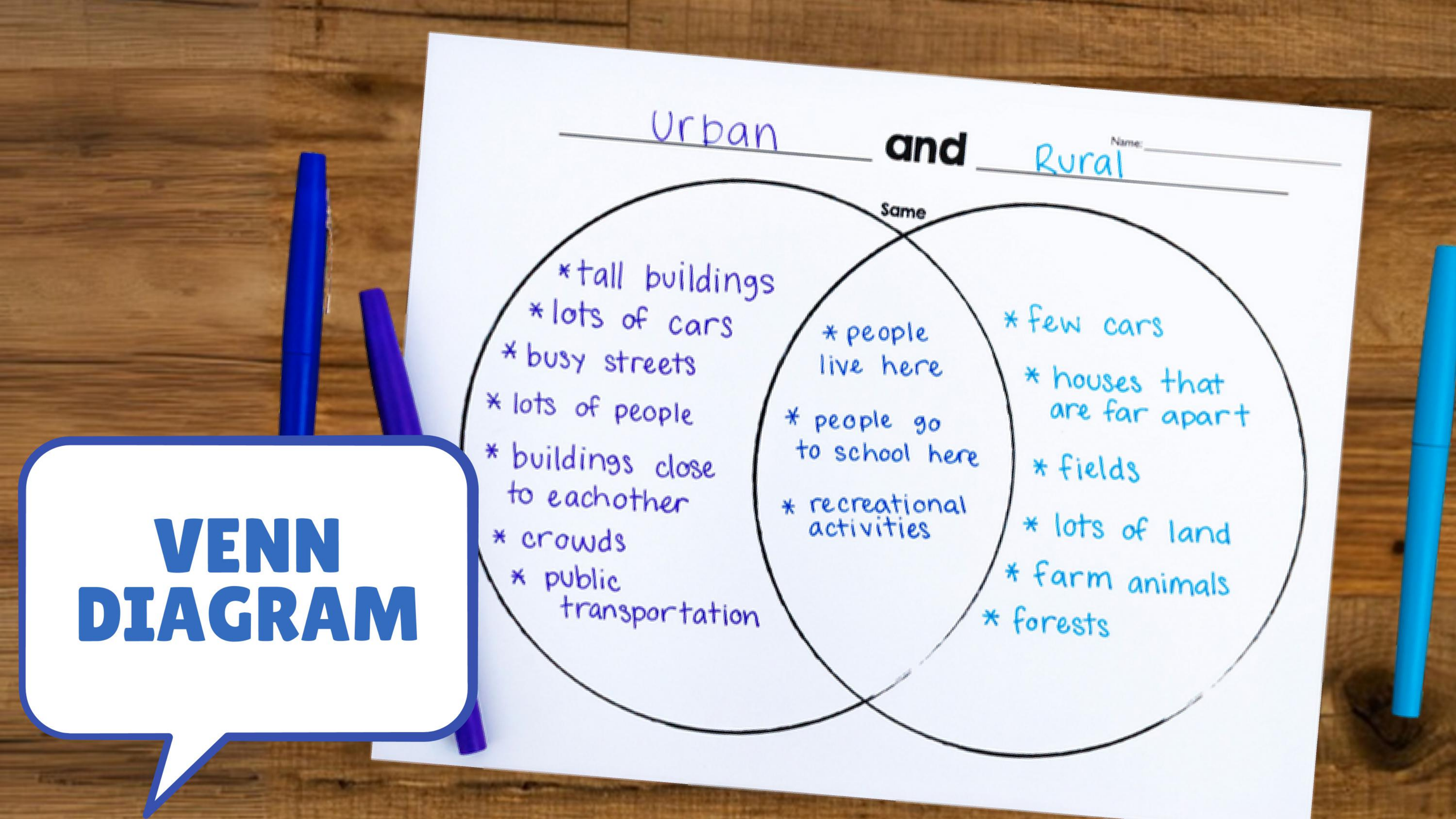
quiet
spacious
far from a city

A rural environment has _____.

few cars
houses that are far apart
fields
a lot of land
farm animals
forests

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STRUCTURED WRITING FRAMES FOR DESCRIPTION


Urban and Rural
Name:
Same
* tall buildings
* lots of cars
* busy streets
* lots of people
* buildings close to eachother
* crowds
* public transportation
* people live here
* people go to school here
* recreational activities
* few cars
* houses that are far apart
* fields
* lots of land
* farm animals
* forests
VENN DIAGRAM

Name: _____

Urban vs. Suburban



A / An urban environment has tall buildings, but a / an suburban environment has smaller buildings.

A / An urban environment is busy, but a / an suburban environment is less crowded.

Both urban and suburban environments have / is homes and schools.

Name: _____

Compare Urban, Suburban and Rural Environment

Use the sentence frames to talk with a partner

An urban environment is _____, but a suburban environment is _____.

busy
full of people

near a city
spread out

An urban environment is _____, but a rural environment is _____.

busy
full of people

quiet
spacious
far from a city

A rural environment is _____, but a suburban environment is _____.

quiet
spacious
far from a city

near a city

n urban environment has _____, but a suburban environment

tall buildings
traffic
lots of cars
busy streets
a lot of people
crowds
buildings close to each other
public transportation

house

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an environment has _____, but a rural environment has

tall buildings
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houses that
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farm
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few cars
houses that are far apart
fields
a lot of land
farm animals
forests

houses with small yards
malls
shops
smaller buildings

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SCAFFOLDED COMPARE & CONTRAST

WHY IT'S VALUABLE FOR TEACHERS



Supports Structured Academic Writing

Sentence frames and visuals make writing accessible for all learners, especially ELD students and developing writers.



Aligned to Standards

Meets California second-grade social studies standards while reinforcing geography, vocabulary, and writing skills in one package.



Encourages Rich Class Discussions

Oral practice builds confidence, expands vocabulary, and helps students share personal experiences with different communities.

TEACHERS LOVE IT!

Kinds loved doing these activities! Going to use this for sure next year!!!!

Maestra Gonzales



This resource was such a great way to teach this content! We loved it!

Heather Seegert



My passion is making learning accessible to all students.
I love scaffolding learning, breaking down the concepts and building them up so that students can see the connections.
I love figuring out the small components that build up to the big ideas and helping students see it all.



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What I have LEARNED