



Unit 2 Types of Agriculture

* Glossary

Arguably: probably
Commute time: the time needed to make the same journey regularly between work and home

Garden cities

The term garden city refers to a method of urban planning initiated in the UK at the end of the 19th century. The concept was formulated by Ebenezer Howard (1850-1928), **arguably** the most important figure in the international history of urban planning. The garden city was intended by its originator to be a large scale, self-sustaining community laid out in zones which had different designated functions. It was characterized by a decentralized city layout with an abundance of parks small and large, orchards, small dairy farms and other types of productive landscape.

The overall goal was to bring nature back into the city. Therefore, the concept of garden cities was in some way the precursor of the urban agriculture method in cities today.

It was an ambitious project and only three garden cities were successfully created in Britain: at Letchworth (1903) and Welwyn (1920) in England, and Rosyth (1915) in Scotland.

In the US, garden city principles greatly influenced developments such as Pittsburgh's Chatham Village; Reston, Virginia; Garden City, New York and other new towns planned in the early part of the 20th century.

The underlying principle was to produce economically independent cities with a short **commute time** along with the preservation of a natural, open-space countryside that was to be both pleasant and productive.

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1. Read the text and translate the following terms. Use the dictionary when necessary.

- 1. Orchard:
- 2. Dairy farm:
- 3. Landscape:
- 4. Goal:
- 5. Development:
- 6. Countryside:

2. Find six adjectives that refer to garden cities. One has been done as an example.

- 1. **Urban**
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

3. Read the text again and provide the information required.

- 1. Meaning of the term garden city:
- 2. Developer of the concept:
- 3. Main features of a garden city:
- 4. Examples of garden cities:

Writing

4. Write a paragraph focusing on the following elements.

Your opinion of garden cities.
Characteristics of your ideal city (location, size, open-spaces etc.).

Handwriting practice area with a spiral binding at the top and horizontal lines for writing.