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Announcer: One country, different worlds. Read the texts about two American teenage girls.

Ruth: I live in a small Amish community in Pennsylvania. We lead a simple life.   
We don’t have any modern devices like a TV, a fridge or a computer.   
If we had these things, we couldn’t concentrate on our community life enough. I also cover my hair, wear long dresses, and never use make-up. We grow our own food too.  
The people in our community look after each other. To us it’s more important who you are and what you do than what you wear or how you look. We usually don’t have much contact with the outside world. But at 16 we’re allowed to do ‘forbidden things’. I went to parties and drank alcohol. Now I have to make the most important decision of my life: Do I join the Amish community or not? Living in the outside world was not what I had expected. I felt lost.   
Just think, if I didn’t return, I would really miss my family.   
This is where I belong. I’m sure I won’t regret it.

Jennifer: I’m a pretty average American girl. I’m interested in fashion and yes … gossip too. I love being on the phone at all times. What would I do if I had to live without it? My friends and I chat a lot about everyone and everything.   
My first big decision of the day is: What am I going to wear?  
When I’m on the school bus, I think about what’s going on at school.   
Mostly it’s about who is wearing what or who’s going out with whom.  
I often hang out with my friends. If I had a car, I would drive around town with them. But I don’t have one yet. So we often meet in town to have something to eat, go bowling or watch movies. Some of my friends go to church, but I don’t. That isn’t part of my life. I wouldn’t like to change anything about my life.