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Born in a small town one thinks nothing of growing up knowing people there by their first name and learning the stories of their lives. In the big city one can see hundreds of people a day and not even know any of their names or anything about their lives. A small town is much like a bag of peanuts, all the same size and all the same flavor. The large city is more like a bag of Skittles a variety of color and flavors.

In the small towns people can run into the elderly, know who they are, what they did in the past and know what they have done for the community. People in a small town may even go to school and graduate with the same kids they grew up knowing too. Remembering the stories and gossip about them when in grade school, and who they were dating in high school as well. While driving around town, the memories that have gathered up over time float in and out. Only in the small town can people truly reminisce about these memories like what tree it was Johnny fell out of when he broke his arm. Being in a small town allows the mind to recall so much more just by looking around and seeing the places that memories have been created. People also are more than likely to make their career out of what their parents did or follow in their footsteps. They are also more likely to go away for college and return to the small town life to make a living and start a family. None of this is a bad thing it is a good place to settle down and raise a family. The crime rate is low and towns are calm and the people are friendly and neighbor like. In all sense the small town is not so much as boring but a content life style for people who don't mind the simple life. Like a bag of peanuts, reaching down into the bag the only thing that will be pulled out is a peanut. The same stories are repeated and nothing new as far as action is likely to occur in a small town.

A stoplight at every block, a new face around every corner, and new experience that waits for one every day. It is true that in the city we have to be a little more time managing because it does take longer to get from point "A" to point "B". The traffic is thicker, more stops, but also in a positive sense there is always a building on the side to accompany oneself or just more to see more excitement. The excitement comes with a new place to eat, or a new store that one has never entered into before. Whiling on the journey to one's destination people will never be lonely just look around and see the people and architecture. In a larger city the statement remains true the city never sleeps. Every day one can see hundreds of people that they have never been seen before and may know nothing about. It may be two in the afternoon or three in the morning there will always be a character on the streets. Meeting new people is quite an adventure in itself. Having something new happen every day and not the boring same old same old process is a wonderful excitement. The large city is like a bag of Skittles; one never knows what is going to be pulled out next.

All-in-all the larger city is a better life style for people who crave a change. Yes it is true to the human mind that people do not like change, but it is not that people do not enjoy distraction in their lives. The excitement and rush is just so much more fun compared to the simplicity of a small town and its daily routine. The large city is recommended for an enthusiast. The bag of peanuts is great to have when one wants a peanut, but when people could have an assortment of flavors and colors, why wouldn't we want a bag of Skittles?