Pretend you’re a scientist who must keep a record of every time someone hurts someone else. You record each of these incident as one of hurt in your register, which is divided by different towns.

In the town of Melville, people make mistakes, and some of these mistakes hurt people. During the month of June, there were 620 times when people in Melville committed hurts. Each time someone committed a hurt, the person who was hurt forgave the hurtful person without trying to get revenge or hurt them back. How many total hurts occurred in Melville in June? ________________

In the town of Smithville, people also make mistakes or do things they shouldn’t. In Smithville during the month of June, there were also 620 times when people committed a hurt, the person who was hurt did something hurtful in return. They felt a need to punish the other person for causing them pain. How many total hurts were there in Smithville in June? ______________________________

Which town would you rather live in? Why? ______________________________

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