

Return to nature

A Vocabulary & grammar

1a Find eight words you can use to talk about nature.

P	G	V	S	C	E	N	E	R	Y
O	D	I	P	W	N	M	L	X	B
L	A	L	L	O	T	M	E	N	T
L	S	L	A	O	T	D	B	P	Z
U	U	A	N	D	T	Z	B	J	J
T	N	G	T	S	M	D	G	L	M
I	S	E	R	O	C	K	Y	M	X
O	E	Y	Y	V	Q	G	B	T	Y
N	T	M	Z	M	B	T	G	P	P

1b What are they talking about? Listen and choose the correct word from 1a. ▶ 11

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____




1c What's missing? Listen again and fill in the gaps. ▶ 11

- 1 "We're going to see fantastic _____ of _____ beaches and spectacular rocks in the _____."
- 2 "The _____ were delicious, and the _____ look so lovely in the living room!"
- 3 "And here's the _____ forecast for tomorrow: the temperature will be 35 degrees again with no _____."
- 4 "Nothing but _____ and _____ and _____!"

2a Read Sophie's email and fill in the gaps with the verbs below, using the present perfect continuous.

get organise ~~run~~ take care of travel

Dear Grandma,
 How are you? I **1** _____ through Australia for three months now, and I finally found a wonderful place to work! I'm on Phillip Island, where you can see the fascinating penguin parades. I **2** _____ trips for tourists who want to see the penguins, and I **3** _____ the penguin adoption programme! This project **4** *has been running* for years and **5** _____ a lot of positive feedback. You can adopt a penguin too!
 Have a look at this website:
www.penguins.org.au.
 I'm looking forward to seeing you soon.
 Lots of love,
 Sophie



2b What have you been doing the last few months? Write an email to an old friend. You can use the ideas below or your own ideas.

working learning doing reading playing

E n g l i s h & G e r m a n

I've been learning English for two years. Ich lerne seit zwei Jahren Englisch.

I've been learning English since October. Ich lerne seit Oktober Englisch.

3 Underline the correct words. Then listen and check. ▶ 12

When I was a little girl I loved living in our small village, **1** *because / so that* our neighbour was a farmer and had a lot of animals. He had two big dogs **2** *to / so* help him with the sheep. But as a teenager, I wanted to live in the city **3** *so that / because* of the cinemas and bars. Now I have children myself and we've just moved to a small town **4** *so that / because of* the children can enjoy the fresh air. We even have a garden **5** *because / for* home-grown fruit and vegetables. The children love it!

4a Find the opposites.

- | | |
|-----------|-------------|
| 1 dry | a inspiring |
| 2 tiring | b pleased |
| 3 quiet | c bored |
| 4 excited | d noisy |
| 5 annoyed | e wet |



4b Sort the adjectives into two groups: positive or negative.

annoying interesting boring disappointing inspiring
embarrassing fascinating exciting shocking surprising



4c Underline the correct form and answer the questions.

- 1 What's the most *bored / boring* film you've ever seen?

- 2 Are you *exciting / excited* about Christmas?

- 3 Are you *interesting / interested* in classical music?

- 4 Who's the most *fascinating / fascinated* person in your life?

B Pronunciation

- 5 Listen and repeat. Pay attention to the highlighted letters. Then write the correct symbol from the boxes next to the words. You will use one symbol more than once. ▶ 13**

/k/ /s/ /ʃ/ /z/

- 1 The pollution /ʃ/ in some big cities is really serious.
- 2 I was surprised ___ by the queues in New York.
- 3 The flood in the zoo was a **serious** ___ problem.
- 4 The beekeeping project **received** ___ an award.
- 5 I find these instructions **confusing** ___.

C Countries & cultures

According to EcoWatch.com, the following English-speaking cities were among the top green cities in the world in 2014.

Number 4 is Vancouver. Vancouver is an expensive city and a lot of people live there. They often choose it because of the nice climate. It is the cleanest city in Canada.

Number 5 is London. You may be surprised by this, but the city has worked hard to green up and has created more parks and green spaces.

Number 7 is New York. New York is the greenest large city in the US. People use public transport a lot, and the city has set up a plan to make all its buildings more energy efficient.

Number 8 is Singapore. Singapore used to have heavy pollution but is now Asia's greenest city. It aims for zero waste by the middle of the 21st century.

6 Did you know?

QUIZ

According to EcoWatch.com, the number one green city in the world is

- a** Berlin. **b** Copenhagen. **c** Stockholm.

D English around the world

7 Listen and compare. ▶ 14



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E Translating & interpreting

8 Interpretation. Read the introduction and then start the audio. ▶ 15

You and a friend are travelling in the English countryside and visit a beekeeper. Your friend wants to ask the beekeeper some questions, but she doesn't speak English and the beekeeper doesn't speak German. Translate the conversation for them. Use either the first person (*I*) or the third person (*she*). Speak after the beep.



- ▲ Warum sind Sie Imkerin geworden?
- Why did you become a beekeeper?
- I wanted to make honey for my family.
- Ich wollte Honig für meine Familie machen. / Sie wollte Honig für ihre Familie machen.

Profiles in COMMUNITY SERVICE



Have you ever thought about community service? What would you like to do? Here three people talk about the community service projects they work on and how they are able to help others and their own community.

Roger, 72, pensioner I'm a very active person, and when I retired, I thought I would like to help people. I was a secondary school teacher all my working life and I loved it, so now I teach English to refugees¹. I have a group of 'colleagues' and have made new friends.

Louis, 17, still at school I do community service in my town, helping old people with their shopping, housework and gardening. They talk to me a lot and tell me about what life was like when they were young. They also lend me books, so I've really learned a lot from them. I want to be a history teacher, so I think this community service will help me. And it's also useful for university applications.

Miriam, 35, businesswoman I have a very well-paid job and so I decided to give my time and my skills to help the people in my town. I work on a project to recycle things people throw away so they can be used again. We make old clothes and furniture as good as new and then donate them to people who need them. I work all day at a desk, so it's good to do something with my hands in my free time.

Roger, Louis and Miriam all live in the same town and all want to use their skills and time to help their community. They found the projects they work on through local groups, but it's also possible to start your own community service projects.

¹ Flüchtlinge

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