

Part 4

Read the article below and answer questions 25 to 34.

The Poison Garden

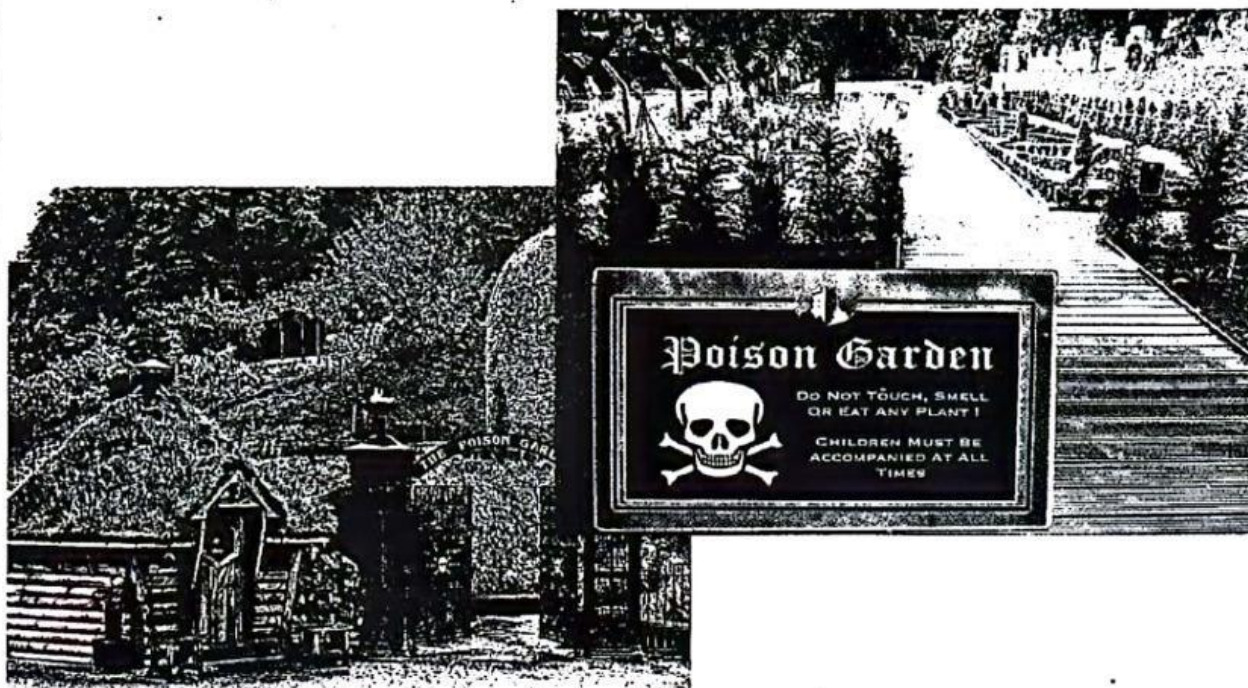
The Alnwick Garden is one of North England's most beautiful tourist attractions. Acres of colourful plants invite visitors to wander through rows of fragrant flowers, water sculptures and beautiful fountains. The garden has one of the largest treehouses in the world, built at 18 metres above the ground.

However, within the Alnwick Garden, there is another 14-acre garden hidden behind black iron gates. This is a place where visitors are told not to smell the flowers. Known as the Poison Garden, this place was opened in 2005. In this garden, the plants are so dangerous and toxic that some of them are kept in large cages. This part of the garden is a huge contrast to the bright green scenery that greets you everywhere else.

At first glance, it looks like the usual English country garden, with lush trees and lovely fragrant blooms. However, when we look closer, nothing here is what it seems. On the gate leading to this green garden is a message. It is a warning of what is inside: 'These Plants Can Kill!'

Who is behind this unique creation? It is the brainchild of Jane Percy, an English duchess. Jane's husband had inherited a castle. As she explored the gardens around the castle, Jane found an overgrown garden. She had an idea to build a new garden filled with plants that could kill. She then set about collecting poisonous plants. Jane wanted to educate people on the dangers of certain plants. Many visitors are usually surprised to learn that some common plants can be highly toxic. Visitors can see more than 100 different species of deadly plants from all over the world. They can also learn about the science and history behind them. Due to the plants' dangerous qualities, visitors are prohibited from smelling, touching or tasting any of them. Even with guidelines in place, a visitor can fall victim to the plants.

It is sad that in reality, not many people know much about poisonous plants. Many are not even able to recognise such plants. This is scary since they will most likely not seek medical attention until it is too late. A garden such as this is indeed useful although it may seem a little strange.



Questions 25 to 32

Answer the questions below.

Write no more than five words and/or a number from the article for each answer.

For each question, write your answer in the space provided on your answer sheet.

25 The Alnwick Garden is situated in _____ [1 mark]

26 When visiting the Poison Garden, visitors are advised not to _____ the flowers. [1 mark]

27 Why are some of the plants in the Poison Garden kept in large cages?

They are so _____ [1 mark]

28 A warning that reads 'These _____' is on the gate leading to the Poison Garden. [1 mark]

29 Who created this special garden?

_____ [1 mark]

30 The purpose of creating this special garden is to make people aware of the dangers

_____ [1 mark]

31 What can visitors learn about the plants in the Poison Garden?

Their _____ [1 mark]

32 Why are visitors not allowed to smell, touch or taste any of the plants in the Poison Garden?

These plants have _____ [1 mark]

Questions 33 and 34

Complete the table below with a word from the article.

For each question, write your answer in the space provided on your answer sheet.

Meaning	Word	
33 unusual	_____	[1 mark]
34 not allowed	_____	[1 mark]

[10 marks]