



Unit 10: Planet Earth

Mr An: As you see, habitats affect their flora and fauna, but the flora and fauna also affect their habitats.

Mi: Can you be more specific, Mr An?

Mr An: Well, plants can help or harm their environment. For example, when someone brings a plant to a new place, the plant can make the area more beautiful.

Mi: Yes, it can.

Mr An: But that plant can also grow so fast that it takes over the resources of local plants. And these local plants may die out.

Mi: How about animals? Do they affect the environment too?

Mr An: That's a good question. Similarly, animals can cause harm to or improve a habitat. Beavers, for example, build dams and ponds and this helps plants and animals which need water.

Mi: How do beavers harm the environment?

Mr An: These dams may flood the homes of other plants and animals.

Mi: Ah, yes. So what should we do, Mr An?

Mr An: We should preserve habitats by not bringing plants and animals from different places. We shouldn't cut down forests because that destroys the habitats of many species, or use pesticides which pollute the environment....

Unit 11: Electronic devices

My favourite electronic device is a robotic vacuum cleaner which helps me to clean the floors, a laborious and boring task. First, it can automatically clean almost all dust, spots, and dirty marks in my house. Second, I can control it by using an app on my smartphone when I'm away from home. Finally, it's easy to store and carry my robotic vacuum cleaner because it's smaller than a normal vacuum cleaner. I think there'll be a lot of things that a robotic vacuum cleaner can do in the future. First, it'll be able to recognise patterns and then take action. It'll go to a place where you have eaten and suck up all the crumbs there. Second, it'll be able to climb stairs and even open doors or drawers. So it'll be able to get to any floor or room in our houses. Finally, laser technology will make it recognise anything on the ground like dust or dirt. With these improvements, I think robotic vacuum cleaners will be more helpful to us in the future.

Unit 12: Career choices

[Man]: Hi, I'm Minh. My parents were farmers in a remote village. Though they worked very hard in the fields, they were still poor. I wanted to find ways for farmers like my parents to earn a better living. So I decided to study agriculture engineering at university. Now I'm working for the local agriculture department in my home town. I help farmers grow better crops by using farming technology. I also persuade them to try new farming methods. Though it's a demanding job, I'm glad I'm doing well at it.

[Woman]: Hi, I'm Ann. When I was a child, my grandmother, who was a chef, taught me how to cook. I liked cooking so much that I attended a vocational college where I earned a cooking certificate. Now I'm a chef in a restaurant in a small hotel. I make tasty and healthy food which my customers love very much. Though it's a well-paid job, I want to develop my career further. I'm learning more about food and new cooking skills. Hopefully, in the next five years, I'll have my own restaurant.