

## VOCABULARY

## THE OUTDOORS

**1 A** Find eight words connected with the outdoors in the puzzle.

(	F	E	A	T	U	R	E	S)	C
N	D	E	R	F	S	G	C	O	
A	I	R	O	Y	Z	A	E	R	
T	S	T	P	A	R	K	N	U	
U	D	E	I	F	C	X	E	R	
R	S	F	C	O	P	L	R	A	
A	D	N	A	M	E	W	Y	L	
L	W	I	L	D	L	I	F	E	

**B** Complete the phrases with words from Exercise 1A.

- 1 geographical \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 fresh \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 national \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 beautiful \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ centre
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ rainforest
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ area
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ beauty

**C** Complete the sentences with phrases from Exercise 1B.

- 1 We live in a polluted city, but in the countryside near us you can breathe \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 I hate cities. I prefer living in a \_\_\_\_\_ because I grew up on a farm.
- 3 Unfortunately, the \_\_\_\_\_ was closed, so we didn't see the rare birds.
- 4 Mountains, waterfalls and volcanoes are examples of \_\_\_\_\_ you can find on this continent.
- 5 The Amazon is the world's biggest \_\_\_\_\_; it has incredible plant life because of all the rain.
- 6 Our biggest \_\_\_\_\_ is Etosha. You can drive around it and see wild animals.
- 7 We went for a walk in the hills. Then we stopped to take photos of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 The Cotswolds is an area of \_\_\_\_\_. It's very green.

## GRAMMAR

## ARTICLES

**2** Complete the sentences with the words in the box and add *a*, *an*, *the* or – (no article).

January	doctor	weather	Europe	architect
camera	right	elephants	noise	Thursday
				sun

- 1 My house is on the right.
- 2 It's so cold in Iceland! I really hate \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 During our safari in Namibia we saw lots of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 He loved buildings and wanted to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 I bought a camera and a bag. Then we went travelling and I dropped and broke \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 When I was twenty, I travelled around \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 I'm working in December, but I'll be on holiday in \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 Let me see him! I can help. I'm \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 We didn't have a map to guide us, so we used \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 Bye! See you on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 11 I heard a small noise. After a while, \_\_\_\_\_ got louder.

**3** Complete the book review with *a*, *an*, *the* or – (no article).

## A Walk on the Wild Side

by Giuseppe de Luca

Giuseppe de Luca has been <sup>1</sup> an adventurer all his life. He once ran away from home in <sup>2</sup> the Sicily and survived on fish that he caught from <sup>3</sup> the river with his hands. De Luca's book explains why he can't do <sup>4</sup> a normal job. He has tried office work, building boats, driving lorries across Europe and looking for dinosaur bones in <sup>5</sup> the Kenya. He couldn't do any of these for more than <sup>6</sup> a few months. He finally finds happiness living on <sup>7</sup> the smallest beach in Papua, New Guinea. But then he has some <sup>8</sup> the problems with the local police and they send him back to Sicily. Why is his story so interesting? It's his humour and his innocence. He is shy with girls. He doesn't have <sup>9</sup> an email address and he has never touched <sup>10</sup> a mobile phone. He clearly loves living alone in <sup>11</sup> the wild and his book makes a great companion.

## LISTENING

4 A  9.3 Listen and match statements a)–d) with speakers 1–4.



a) He/She has spent a lot of time in the garden.  
 b) He/She lives on a farm.  
 c) He/She lives near a beach.  
 d) He/She comes from the USA.

B Listen again and answer the questions. Do not use more than three words for each answer.

1 a) Who does the speaker go for walks with these days?

b) What did she see on the beach once?

2 a) What did the speaker invent as a child?

b) Where does she say she 'grew up'?

3 a) When does the speaker go hiking and camping?

b) What 'big' things does he say that Americans like?

4 a) What animals does the speaker work with?

b) What doesn't he like about living on a farm?

C Match the words and phrases in bold in 1–8 with meanings a)–h).

1 That was **fun**.  
 2 It was **enormous**.  
 3 I played in a **tree house**.  
 4 You could **be outside** all day.  
 5 I go **hiking**.  
 6 There are **all kinds of** plants and animals.  
 7 It's **completely normal** to see animals around.  
 8 I really like **feeding** the pigs.

a) walking in the countryside  
 b) very common  
 c) giving food to  
 d) enjoyable  
 e) many different types of  
 f) a small house in a tree, usually for children  
 g) extremely big  
 h) be in the open air, not in a building

D Read what Gyorgi says about his experiences in nature. Complete the text with the words and phrases in bold in Exercise 4C.

When I was younger, I lived in a very cold part of Russia. It was <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ for the temperature to be minus twenty degrees and in the winter, you might not <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ for many weeks. We spent a lot of time at home, playing games and singing in front of the fire. To be honest, it wasn't much <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in winter, but in summer we did <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ enjoyable activities. Where I lived, there were some mountains and forests and we sometimes went <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in the mountains with my parents. And I remember we once built a <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in my garden. My brother loved birds and he spent hours <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ them different types of fruit and nuts while he was sitting in it. As a child, I always thought our garden was <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, but when I went back there a few years ago, I saw that it was quite small.'