Oedo Island

WARM UP

1. What do you do when you're tired of being in the city?
2. Where are some great locations around you to see nature?
3. What is the most beautiful thing in nature you have ever seen?

VOCABULARY

1. **lush** **(adj)** a lot of healthy growing plant life
2. **stroll** **(verb)** a relaxed pace of walking
3. **panoramic** **(adj)** wide views in all directions
4. **terrain** **(noun)** the land's shape and features
5. **getaway** **(noun)** an escape for relaxation

PHRASES

a respite from	to take or to get a break from something hard or stressful
hidden gems	a place hard to find and not well know, but very wonderful to experience
hustle and bustle	the general mood of a busy, fast-paced, and crowded place
have been transported to	the feeling that the place you are in now, looks or feels the same as a faraway place not common to where you are now

Oedo Island

One of the most secretive islands in Korea's past, Oedo (pronounced WAY-do), is a little bit of paradise less than two hours from Busan and offers nature at its best for anyone looking for a respite from the city.

The small, 14.5-hectare island, just a 20-minute boat ride south of Goeje Island, gives the impression that you have been transported to Southeast Asia. Made famous by the Korean drama Winter Sonata, the island was discovered 40 years ago by husband and wife Lee Chang-ho and Choi Ho-suk, who transformed the little island into a lush European-style garden, which houses over 3,000 species of plants.

The blue waters of the South Sea provide the backdrop for the immaculately sculpted gardens with walking paths weaving under tall palm trees and rare flowers from all over the world. Oedo Botania, which opened to the public in 1995, includes a Venus Garden with 12 sculptures, an observation deck and many other hidden gems, making each turn something special.

The ferry that drops you off at Oedo unfortunately doesn't give you a lot of time to enjoy the gardens - you only get 90 minutes



to stay before it takes off back to Oedo Terminal - but it still leaves enough time to stroll around the grounds and enjoy the panoramic views around you. The only possible downside of the trip is the hilly terrain for those who have trouble walking.

For about 100,000 won for two, it is a great day trip for a romantic getaway or to view a different side of Korea and leave the hustle and bustle of the big cities behind.

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FOCUS ON CONTENT

1. Oedo offers a fantastic_____for couples that want to get out of the city.
   A. hustle and bustle B. romantic getaway C. possible downside

2. What is NOT true according to the article?
   A. Oedo island has fantastic lush gardens. B. Anyone can visit Oedo since 1995.
   C. Oedo showcases only native Korean plants. D. A husband and wife team first created the Oedo gardens.

3. What can be inferred from the article to be true?
   A. Oedo is a difficult and expensive trip out of the city. B. Oedo island's terrain is very flat.
   C. Oedo has some plants from the Southeast Asian region. D. It would be hard to find a good place for a photo.

TRUE OR FALSE

1. Oedo can only be accessed by a boat. ***TRUE*** ***FALSE***
2. Oedo terrain is easy for everyone to walk. ***TRUE*** ***FALSE***
3. An overnight trip on Oedo is very common. ***TRUE*** ***FALSE***

MAKING QUESTIONS

All the numbers below can be found in the article. Ask the right question about those facts to get the correct answer including each number. See the examples below and use the hints

Oedo Island Facts



- 14.5 hectares
- 20 minutes
- 40 years ago
- 3,000 species
- 12 sculptures
- 1995
- 90 minutes
- 100,000 won

Examples

Q. How big is Oedo Island?
A. It is 14.5 hectares

Q. How long is the boat ride to Oedo?
A. It takes 20 minutes.

Hints

How long ... ?
How many ... ?
How much ... ?
When was /did ... ?

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MASTERING NEW VOCABULARY

Use the new vocabulary you have learned from the article to complete the following exercise

lush
stroll
panoramic
terrain
getaway



1._____



2._____



3._____



4._____



5._____

DISCUSSION

1. How do you feel about riding on boats? What was the last boat ride you took? What islands have you been to?
2. Do you have any experience in growing your own gardens? Do you consider yourself to have a "green thumb"?
3. Where do you go when you want a quiet stroll? When do you feel the hustle and bustle of the city the most?

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