UNIT 8: NATURAL WORLD

D. SPEAKING

Exercise 1. Before the IELTS Speaking test begins the examiner will ask you some questions. Complete the questions, using the words in the box. Then watch the video to check. (📧 Unit 8_Video 1)

call	full	identification

1. Good afternoon. My name is Maggie Scott. Can you tell me your _____ name please?

2. And what shall I _____ you?

3. Can I see your _____ please?

Exercise 2. In the IELTS Speaking test the examiner is checking your *lexical resource*. This means you should use a range of vocabulary related to the topic. Read the IELTS Speaking Part 2 task card. Then match the the words you might use to talk about this topic with the definitions.

> Describe a place you visited where the air was very clean and fresh.
>
> You should say:
>
>   Where this place was
>
>   When and why you visited this place
>
>   Who you were with
>
> And explain how you felt visiting a place where the air was so clean and fresh.

atmosphere	clean	condition	countryside	factories
fresh (air)	green	industry	peaceful	pollution

1. Not dirty _____

2. Covered with grass or other plants _____

3. The state that something or someone is in _____

4. The air you breathe in a place _____

5. The companies and activities necessary to produce goods for sale, especially in factories

_____

6. Clean and cool _____

7. Quiet and calm _____

8. Damage caused to water, air etc. By harmful substances or waste _____

9. Land not in towns or cites that is used for farming or is left for forest etc. _____

10. A buildings or groups of building where large amounts of products are made using machines

_____

Exercise 3. Look at the pictures. Then put the letters in the correct order to make words relating to the topic of nature and the environment. You could use these words to show the examiner *lexical resource.*

	a i a e n n a t n o g r m u (two words)
	a r t e d e s
	a n s f a o i r e t r
	p o n t l l u i o
	The r n y u e o c s i t d
	a f i r e o s t c

	l e l f I I d w
	a l o f d o
	a l v e a r y r e v l i (two words)
	the E h t a r

Exercise 4. For the IELTS Speaking Part 2 task card below, you need to speak in the *past simple***. Watch the student doing the task and notice the grammatical errors she makes. Then correct the <u>seven</u> errors. (🎬 Unit 8_Video 2)**

> In the IELTS Speaking test the examiner is checking your grammatical range and accuracy. This means you should use a variety of tenses and types of sentences, and try not to make mistakes.

1. I *have been* there in February last year.

2. There *is* a lot of clouds and a lot of mountains.

3. Some people who *guide* us *can* speak Korean and Japanese. (2 mistakes)

4. It *is* a very safe area, so we *can* have a walk alone at night. (2 mistakes)

5. When I *go* to Cusco I was with my friends.

Exercise 5. Choose the correct articles to complete the conversation from IELTS Speaking Part 3

Examiner: Now we've been talking about *a/the* environment and I'd like to discuss with you one or two general questions related to this. Let's talk about living in a/the countryside. What are *a/the* disadvantages of living in *a/the* countryside?

Student: In general, living in _a/the_ countryside might be inconvenient because _a/the_ public transport there is not very good. For example, people need to use taxis or take the bus, because there's no special transportation such as the underground. I think that is _a/the_ disadvantage for living in _a/the_ countryside. Other possible disadvantages are…

Exercise 6. **Watch the student doing IELTS Speaking Part 3. Then put the questions that the examiner asks in the correct order. (▣Unit 8_Video 3)**

> In the IELTS Speaking test the examiner is checking your fluency and coherence. This means you should try to speak without a lot of pauses, and discuss your ideas clearly in logical order.

Examiner: Now, we're been talking about the environment and I'd like to discuss with you one or two general questions related to this. Let's talk about living in the countryside.

What are the disadvantages of living in the countryside?

Is it possible for people to have a high standard of living without seriously damaging the environment?

Do you think humans can live in a completely unnatural or artificial environment?

What are some ways people change or affect the environment when they live in countryside?

Do you think people damage the environment more when they live in a town or when they live in the countryside?

Exercise 7. Match the examiner's questions with the student's responses.

Examiner: Do you think humans can live in a completely unnatural or artificial environment?

Examiner: Do you think people damage the environment more when they live in a town or when they live in the countryside?

Examiner: Is it possible for people to have a high standard of living without seriously damaging the environment?

Examiner: What are the disadvantages of living in the countryside?

Examiner: What are some ways people change or affect the environment when they live in the countryside?

1. _____

Student: One main disadvantage of living in the countryside might be that it's inconvenient because public transport isn't very good.

2. _____

Student: In my opinion, people affect the environment if, for example, they buy themselves a car.

3. _____

Student: I think, in general, people who live in a town have more of an effect on the environment. This is because a lot of people live in towns and, as a result, there is a lot of traffic and rubbish on the streets.

4. _____

Student: I think it's possible, although it depend on where you live. For example, you might be able to afford a car, but you might choose to cycle to work or to school instead.

5. _____

Student: I think in some areas people already live in these kinds of conditions. However, I don't think it's a good idea to live without any nature.

Exercise 8. You are going to practise the full IELTS Speaking test. You will need some paper and a pencil.

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   Who you were with

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