

VOCABULARY

NATURE

1 Complete the nature words in the quiz. Then do the quiz and check your answers at the bottom.

- The world's largest c n is
a) the Pacific. b) the Atlantic.
- The Gobi D s rt is in
a) Australia. b) Asia.
- The m nt n r ng where you can find Mount Everest is called
a) the Andes. b) the Himalayas.
- The second longest r v r in the world is
a) the Amazon. b) the Nile.
- At over 1,700 m deep, the deepest l k in the world is
a) Baikal. b) Victoria.
- The highest w t r f ll in the world is
a) Niagara Falls. b) Angel Falls.

Answers: 1 a, 2 b, 3 b, 4 b, 5 a, 6 b

GRAMMAR

COMPARATIVES/SUPERLATIVES

2 Look at the table and complete the sentences comparing France and Poland. Use the words in brackets.

	France	Poland
Population	64 million people	38 million people
Size	548,000 square km	313,000 square km
Highest mountain	4,810 m (Mont Blanc)	2,499 m (Rysy)
Average temperature (January)	3°C	-3°C
Average temperature (July)	23°C	19°C

- The population in France is bigger than the population in Poland. (big)
- Poland is smaller than France. (small)
- Mont Blanc in France is higher than Rysy in Poland. (high)
- In January it is colder than in France. (cold)
- In July it is cooler than in Poland. (hot)

3 A  9.1 Listen and circle the correct stress pattern.

- a) oOo b) Ooo c) ooO

B Listen again and repeat.

C  9.2 Listen and check your answers to Exercise 2. Then listen again and repeat.

4 Complete the sentences with the comparative or superlative form of the adjectives in brackets.

- It's been colder (cold) winter in thirty years.
- The weather is getting worse (bad).
- It's more popular (popular) tourist destination in the country.
- It's cheaper (cheap) to stay in a bed and breakfast than to stay in a hotel.
- People are working longer (long) hours than before.
- The summers are much hotter (hot) than they were.
- In the winter, the days are shorter (short).
- This sauce tastes better (good) than the other one you made.
- We've been on a longer (long) journey of our lives.
- This is a happier (happy) day of my life!
- It's a funnier (funny) programme I've ever watched.
- The exam was more difficult (difficult) than I expected.

READING

5 Look at the reasons for growing your own vegetables. Then read the text. Which reasons are mentioned?

- 1 It's a good way to relax.
- 2 The food tastes better when you grow it yourself.
- 3 It's cheaper than buying food in the supermarket.
- 4 It's a good way to earn some extra money.

MAKING THE WORLD A GREENER PLACE: GROW YOUR OWN VEGETABLES!

We meet people from around the world who enjoy growing their own food.

UNITED STATES

When you think of Washington, you might not think of vegetable patches, but there are lots of them. 'Community plots' where people can grow their own food are getting more popular. Brian Wallis, who works in banking, likes gardening in his free time. And he's not alone. 'When you work in the city, gardening is a great way to relax,' he says.

AUSTRALIA

Outside Sydney there are more than fifty community gardens. In the garden at the Addison Road Centre people grow all kinds of things, from bananas to coffee, herbs, beans and vegetables. They also have lemon, peach and cherry trees. People come here to learn new skills related to organic gardening and recycling.

KENYA

In Kenya having a piece of land to grow food on is not just a good way to relax, it's a way to earn some extra money. Maxwell shares the land his father gave him with his six brothers. They grow bananas, coffee and sugar on the land, as well as vegetables to eat at home. 'Some of the food we eat ourselves,' he says, 'and some we sell at the market.'

RUSSIA

Every weekend in the summer, the roads of Russia's big cities are full of traffic, with families escaping to their 'dacha'. A 'dacha' can be anything from an old shed in a field to a huge house in the countryside, but the reason they go is the same. People from the city can enjoy the fresh air and grow some vegetables. Tatiana, who has a plot near the Black Sea, grows tomatoes and cucumber in the summer and cabbage in the winter. 'It always tastes much better when you grow it yourself,' she says.



6 Read the text again and answer the questions.

1 Why does Brian Wallis think people enjoy gardening?

2 What can people learn at the Addison Road Centre, outside Sydney?

3 How did Maxwell get his land?

4 What do Maxwell and his brothers do with the food they grow?

5 What is a 'dacha' in Russia?

6 What can people who live in Russian cities enjoy at their 'dacha'?

WRITING

SIMILAR SOUNDING WORDS

7 Find and correct the spelling mistakes in the sentences.

- 1 Is this you're coat?
- 2 They gave us there car for the weekend.
- 3 Have you got an extra ticket? I'd like to come to.
- 4 We spent the weekend by the see.
- 5 Do you know wear the office is?
- 6 Are you sure this is the write way?

8 Underline the correct alternatives.

How often do you use ¹you're/your car? I try to use mine as little as possible. I walk or use my bike to get around. I live in a small city though, so ²it's/its quite easy. And it keeps me fit ³two/too. If I want to go to the ⁴see/sea for the weekend, or something like that, then I usually get the bus or the train. I don't think people should spend so much time in ⁵there/their cars. It's not ⁶write/right.