

UNIT 7: ECOLOGICAL SYSTEM

Lesson 1.1 Listening

Dương: Hi, Steven, what are you doing here? Don't you have class?

Steven: Hi, Dương. I have a (1) _____ period, so I'm reading about foreign species.

Dương: Really? What for?

Steven: I think it's really interesting how people and animals have (2) _____ some ecosystems.

Dương: What do you mean?

Steven: Well, for (3) _____ of years, humans have been bringing animals to parts of the world they aren't (4) _____ to.

Dương: Uh huh ...

Steven: Sometimes these animals eat a lot of the plants and animals that (5) _____ live there.

Dương: Oh.

Steven: Like in Florida, in the US, people have been buying Burmese pythons as (6) _____ since the 1990s. After a few years, those snakes get too big to be pets. Then people set them free in a national park. The snakes have (7) _____ across the park and eaten anything they can find. Some native rabbits and foxes have (8) _____ because of them.

Dương: Wow. What can they do about the snakes?

Steven: Some people are trying to (9) _____ them. There's a video online of two guys who caught a python that was (10) _____ meters long! You want to see?

Dương: I don't think I want to see that. It's almost lunch time.

Steven: All right.

Dương: So what else can be done about (11) _____ species?

Steven: Sometimes they have to kill them with poison, which is (12) _____, but good for the ecosystem in general.