

Lesson 6D

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GRAMMAR

prepositions and adverbs of movement

1 A Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- I saw you earlier when you got **out of / off** the taxi.
- She walked **over / across** the square.
- If you walk **into / up** the hill, you can see the sea.
- Come **off / towards** me a bit, so you're in the photo!
- Get **off / out of** the bus at the third stop.
- This is your captain speaking. We are now flying **up / over** Baku.
- Go **along / away from** this road for 500 metres. The park is on your right.
- She walked straight **off / past** me in the street.

B The sentences below have a mistake. Choose the best option to correct the mistake.

- The children like to meet and play off the bridge.
 a under b through c down
- He just walked across me and didn't say goodbye.
 a off b away from c down
- Before we play football, we run along the park.
 a onto b off c around
- I can't get on there, there's not enough space.
 a along b through c off

READING

2 A Read the article. What is 're-wilding'? Choose the best definition.

- introducing animals into cities
- introducing people into cities
- introducing flowers and plants into cities

B Read the article again. Number these things in the order you read about them.

- bus stops
- mental health
- cities get bigger
- a city park
- gardens
- the city air

C Read the article again. Are the statements True (T) or False (F)?

- 'Re-wilding' is an old idea.
- You don't need to have a garden to plant flowers.
- In some places, flowers grow on the top of buses.
- Plants at the side of the road look nice in winter.
- More nature in cities is good for our health.
- Buildings with plants are cold in the summer.

The return of nature

Thousands of years ago, people started to live in cities. Today, billions of people around the world live in cities. However, as cities get bigger, we lose more and more wild plants and trees.



But this is changing. 'Re-wilding', or introducing nature back into cities, is becoming very important.

So, how do you re-wild a town or busy area?

One way is to grow flowers and plants in the centre of a city. Singapore has around 150 kilometres of 'Nature Ways', areas of green space and gardens that make it easy for small animals to find food and places to live. And it's easy to do something similar, where you live. Don't worry if you don't have a garden – plants can grow on tall buildings. Look at the Oasis of Aboukir in Paris. And it's not just houses and apartments. In some cities, flowers grow on the top of bus stops!

Another new idea is what happens next to roads or train stations. Usually, plants and flowers here



are cut, especially in the spring and summer. But people can grow flowers and trees here, too. The New York Highline is an old train line that is now a city park. In the summer, it's a beautiful place to take a walk.

Re-wilding is not only about helping animals and making a city look better. When we spend time in nature, we feel more relaxed. Plants also make the air quality better, because trees and flowers make oxygen. Growing plants on buildings makes them warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer, too.

There are many different ways to bring nature back to cities, and all of them are good: for us, for animals and for the environment.