

The natural world

1

Match each word in the box to the correct definition.



desert field forest island lake mountains plants river

1. a large area of water, often in a park
2. a very large area which has lots of trees in it
3. a piece of land with water all around it
4. trees and flowers are examples of these
5. a very dry area where it doesn't rain much
6. a long area of water that often ends in the sea
7. a farmer grows things or puts his animals here
8. these are very tall and often have snow at the top



Exam facts

- In this part, you read three short texts.
- You have to answer seven questions.
- For each question, match the sentence to the correct text (A, B or C).



Exam task

2

Read the article about three people who are interested in nature.
Answer the questions. For questions 1–7, choose A, B or C.

My love of nature

A Sarah

When I was a child at school, I collected books about nature. My classmates and friends all spent their free time playing computer games, so to them I suppose I was a bit strange. I loved learning about animals from other countries, but as I got older I found out that my own country has interesting nature too, and that's what I like studying now. I do lots of drawings of nature, and I put them on my blog.

B Pilar

I love birds and animals because of all the visits to forests and lakes we made when I was at school. It's a shame that things have changed so much now. In my opinion, children these days don't learn enough about nature, so lots of them are afraid of insects, for example. I have a great job because of my love of nature. I'm a nature photographer. It's brilliant, except for the early mornings!

C Lia

A few years ago I read a blog with beautiful photos of animals, birds and plants, which made me start really looking at what lives around us. It was just a hobby at first, but now it's my job as I visit schools and give talks about nature. I love it. The only problem is if I am asked to draw a picture. I enjoy it, but I'm terrible at drawing! I'm going to take some lessons to try to get better.

- 1 Who became interested in nature from seeing someone else's blog?
A Sarah B Pilar C Lia
- 2 Who says there is something about her job that she doesn't like?
A Sarah B Pilar C Lia
- 3 Whose friends thought that her hobby was unusual?
A Sarah B Pilar C Lia
- 4 Who became interested in nature because of school trips?
A Sarah B Pilar C Lia
- 5 Who says that the type of nature she is interested in has changed?
A Sarah B Pilar C Lia
- 6 Who wants to improve her pictures of nature?
A Sarah B Pilar C Lia
- 7 Who thinks that young people should learn more about nature at school?
A Sarah B Pilar C Lia



3

Complete the conversation with phrases from the boxes.

Adam: Do you live in a town, Ben?

Ben: No, in the countryside. And I love it.

Adam: (1) I lived in the countryside when I was a child, but I prefer towns.

Ben: Oh! Why is that?

Adam: Well, in the countryside you're so far away from schools, shops and friends' houses.

Ben: (2) You get more exercise because you have to walk more!

Adam: (3) You spend a lot of time in your car, driving everywhere!

Ben: But the traffic is much worse in towns. Towns are too noisy and busy.

Adam: (4) The countryside is boring!

Ben: (5) You can go walking, cycling, fishing – there are lots of things to do!

Adam: Yes – I can do them during short visits to the countryside! But I prefer to live in a town.

Ben: (6) I'm sure the view from my window is better than yours.

Adam: You're probably right. It's true that the countryside is beautiful, but I enjoy being with lots of people.

Ben: And that's what I hate!

Adam: Everyone is different, I suppose.

Ben: We certainly are!



Ben

- a No, it isn't.
- b Yes, but that's a good thing.
- c Well, I don't.

Adam

- d No, you don't.
- e Really? I don't understand that.
- f That's what I like!