

Reading

You are going to read an article about green walls. For questions 1-5, choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

Walls and walls of gardens

It's true that most cities need more green space. It helps us breathe cleaner air and it cheers us up. A Frenchman, Patrick Blanc, has created gardens that grow on the walls of buildings: green walls. His work is in the UK as well as the USA and Japan. People see the green walls and often ask: how do the plants grow on the walls and how do they get water?

Blanc has an interesting way of getting the plants to grow on the walls. He doesn't just throw dirt on the side of a building. He puts a special material on the wall for the plants to grow into, and this holds the plants in place. To water them, Blanc places metal pipes around the material, and water reaches the plants through these pipes. Plants also get water from rainy weather.

Green walls are a great idea because cities do not have many open spaces any more. However, there is no end to the amount of wall space, and many old buildings are not very nice to look at. When they have plants all over them, they look much better.

Green walls have become very popular. Blanc recently created one for fashion designer Stella McCartney. She used it at her fashion show in Paris when she presented her new collection. Also in Paris, Blanc placed a green wall on the art museum at Quai Branly, and he has put them on the sides of a hotel and a restaurant in London. Another one has appeared at a London shopping centre, although Blanc did not design it. This green wall goes along the side of a lane. It's quite long and visitors walk between the wall and the shops.

It shows how popular these green walls are, since other people are designing them.

In fact, for a small price, you can start your own green wall by yourself. A company has started selling small pieces of green walls for about £20. Each piece contains 16 plants and you can choose plants that are right up your alley. You can buy several pieces and cover a wall of your home. If more people like the idea of green walls, entire neighbourhoods may soon be full of them!



- Where is Patrick Blanc from?
 - France
 - the UK
 - the USA
 - Japan
- What does the word 'this' in paragraph 2 refer to?
 - a special material
 - the wall
 - the plants
 - dirt
- In Paris, what did Blanc create a green wall for?
 - a hotel
 - a restaurant
 - a shopping centre
 - a fashion event
- What is true about the green wall at the London shopping centre?
 - Blanc designed it.
 - You can buy a piece of it.
 - It's a rather long wall.
 - It covers the shops.
- What does the company mentioned in the last paragraph do?
 - They create green walls for people.
 - They build homes with green walls.
 - They grow plants that are good for alleys.
 - They sell things to start a green wall.

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Grammar

1 Circle the correct words.

- 1 You **couldn't / didn't have to** get up early today, Susan. It wasn't necessary.
- 2 No, you **can't / wouldn't** go to the city by yourself. You're too young to do that and I won't let you.
- 3 Jamie, you **should / will** spend less time in front of your computer screen. That's my advice to you!
- 4 **Could / Would** you like me to drive you to the shops, Grandma?
- 5 You **mustn't / won't be able to** drive through a red traffic light. If you do, you will be **in trouble**.
- 6 Joe **could / was able to** pick fruit when he went to the farm because his uncle hadn't **picked** it all.
- 7 It's a nice day today. We **could / will** have lunch in the garden. What do you think?
- 8 You **shall / need to** be more careful when you collect the eggs. Look! You've broken **half** of them!

2 Complete the dialogues with a modal verb.

- 1 A: Please, Mum, _____ I go to the cinema in the town?
B: Yes. Have a good time.
- 2 A: _____ you drive a car when you were 18, Dad?
B: Of course!
- 3 A: You _____ remember to feed the animals!
B: I'm sorry. I won't forget again.
- 4 A: We didn't _____ walk all that way. Look. There's a bus!
B: Oh, no! We walked for nothing.
- 5 A: _____ we go to the park?
B: That's a good suggestion!

Vocabulary

Choose the correct answers.

- 1 There are many colourful birds that live in the _____.
 a desert
 b rainforest
 c reef
- 2 I didn't hear you come in. You were as quiet as _____.
 a bee
 b horse
 c mouse
- 3 Many people like to go fishing at the _____.
 a footpath
 b lake
 c wood
- 4 Do you like living ____ a farm?
 a in
 b for
 c on
- 5 A ____ next to the road shows the way to Bristol.
 a door
 b map
 c signpost
- 6 After school, I often ____ my dog for a walk in the park.
 a bring
 b go
 c take
- 7 I ____ some apples from the tree and Mum made a pie.
 a collected
 b picked
 c broke
- 8 I couldn't sleep last night, so I tried to count _____.
 a fish
 b sheep
 c cats
- 9 The ____ was small and we walked around it in four hours.
 a hedge
 b island
 c river
- 10 She didn't like her new school. She felt like a ____ out of water.
 a dog
 b fish
 c bee
- 11 I don't feel well. I have to ____ the picnic.
 a call off
 b cheer up
 c head for
- 12 The house was ____ fire, but luckily, there was no one inside.
 a at
 b in
 c on
- 13 ____ fresh air is very important.
 a Breathing
 b Collecting
 c Taking
- 14 Please try to ____ down and tell me what's wrong.
 a bring
 b calm
 c come
- 15 Do you want my old bike? You can have it ____ free.
 a at
 b for
 c with
- 16 The children jumped over the ____ and ran towards the sheep.
 a fence
 b hill
 c lane
- 17 Jack was late for work because his motorbike ____ down.
 a broke
 b brought
 c came
- 18 I'm very hungry. I could eat a ____!
 a sheep
 b fish
 c horse
- 19 Why don't you ____ Mary and invite her to the picnic?
 a bring along
 b come by
 c ring up
- 20 You must be very fit to ____ Mount Everest.
 a climb
 b fly
 c come

Grammar

Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Jack lives on a farm, so he ___ tell you about country life.
a can
b shall
c able to
- 2 '___ have a picnic by the sea tomorrow.'
'OK, I'll make the sandwiches.'
a Can
b Let's
c Shall
- 3 You ___ feed the animals at the zoo. It isn't allowed.
a couldn't
b don't need to
c mustn't
- 4 We ___ buy some milk from the farmer last week.
a could
b need to
c were able to
- 5 You ___ spend more time outdoors. It's good for you.
a can't
b should
c would
- 6 The farmer ___ protect the sheep from the foxes.
a needs to
b able to
c don't have to
- 7 '___ you like me to feed the cows?'
'Yes please, if you have time.'
a Could
b Should
c Would
- 8 I've got an idea. We ___ visit a farm on Sunday.
a are able to
b could
c must
- 9 Dan ___ go fishing today. The weather is very bad.
a shouldn't
b doesn't need to
c couldn't
- 10 No, you ___ go out now. It's very late.
a can't
b couldn't
c don't need
- 11 '___ you walk the dogs, please?'
'Yes, after I finish my homework.'
a Could
b Should
c Shall
- 12 '___ feed the horses tomorrow?'
'I think so, yes.'
a Shall you
b Would you like
c Will you be able to
- 13 You ___ cook now. We aren't hungry.
a mustn't
b shouldn't
c don't need to
- 14 It's very hot today. You ___ give the animals water!
a can
b must
c would
- 15 '___ we walk to the lake?'
'Yes, why not? It's a lovely day.'
a Shall
b Let's
c Would
- 16 Mark ___ ride a horse when he was five.
a can
b would
c was able to
- 17 'Please ___ I go to the park?'
'Only if you clean your room first.'
a can
b shall
c will
- 18 Don't worry. I ___ help you collect the eggs.
a should
b would
c will
- 19 You ___ buy any milk. We have a carton.
a aren't able to
b don't have to
c mustn't
- 20 I ___ pick the apples. They're ready.
a was able to
b have to
c would