

Lesson 2B

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VOCABULARY

nature

1 A Match the sentence beginnings (1–6) with the endings (a–f) to make sentences.

- 1 Look at the way the sunlight is
 - 2 I love deserted beaches like this –
 - 3 The coastline stretches for 3,000 km
 - 4 This entire area is
 - 5 You can cycle down this track
 - 6 I just sat on the river bank,
- a from one end of the country to another.
 - b creating a beautiful pattern on the ground.
 - c known for its amazing scenery.
 - d watching the boats go by.
 - e all the way into the city.
 - f no one around for miles and miles.

B Complete the text with nature words or phrases.



WILLOWS WELL-BEING RETREAT

Location

Surrounded by ¹..... the only thing interrupting the peace at the Willows Well-being Retreat is the sound of birdsong and leaves moving on the trees. Or if you find yourself standing on the ²....., the gentle sound of water rushing by.

Facilities

- World-class dining
- Freshwater swimming pool
- Large ³..... amongst the trees for yoga classes.

Activities

From forest bathing to hiking along ancient ⁴..... through the landscape, there is a wide variety of well-being activities to choose from during your stay. For those who prefer being less active, simply sit and enjoy the beautiful ⁵..... around you or bathe in the ⁶..... shining warmly through the trees.

We look forward to welcoming you at Willows!

GRAMMAR

quantifiers

2 A Choose the correct word or phrase to complete the sentences.

- 1 I suspect there are **few** / **a little** / **a few** rooftop gardens in this area because the houses don't have flat roofs.
- 2 **No** / **None** / **Not any** wildflowers should be taken from these woods as it will have a negative effect on the ecosystem.
- 3 Only a **little** / **majority** / **minority** of residents are in favour of the plans to change the shared lawn into a vegetable plot.
- 4 There's a **minority** / **a little** / **little** countryside left in the region – it's almost all been built on.
- 5 I found a **handful of** / **a lack of** / **plenty of** new cycling routes round here – not many, but it might be interesting to see where they go.
- 6 I know a **little** / **a few** / **few** people who really enjoy gardening, but it's not really my thing.

B Read the sentences and correct the quantifiers in bold.

- 1 There are only a **little** of vegan restaurants in the city where I live.
- 2 **Few** of my friends live in the countryside, but most live in urban areas.
- 3 **No** time I go to the beach I come back feeling refreshed and relaxed. It's awesome.
- 4 There are a **handful of** parks in my town at all, so we have to play football at the sports centre.
- 5 There's a definite **little** of green spaces in my local neighbourhood.
- 6 I see very a **little** wildlife in my garden because I live in the city.
- 7 I spend a good **majority** of time walking in the forest near my house.
- 8 There are **no** open spaces in my city, but the ones we do have are pleasant.

PRONUNCIATION

3 A **2.02 | connected speech: quantifiers** | Draw a line between any words that link together in the phrases in bold. Then listen and check.

- 1 There's a **lack of** attractive green spaces in my town.
- 2 Only a **handful of** people I know live in the countryside.
- 3 I spend a **good deal of** time outdoors.
- 4 **Several of the** beaches nearby are quite good.
- 5 Young people who like gardening **are in a minority**.

B **2.02** | Listen and repeat.