

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

(read twice)

Wildlife in the town

There is a lot more wildlife in town than many people think. Wild birds are always welcome in gardens and parks. A bird-feeder full of nuts may attract grey squirrels or rats. Some parks have colonies of domestic cats which have gone wild and eat birds and small animals. Snails, flies, slugs, caterpillars, and other pests which eat leaves and flowers can also be a nuisance. Worms are useful because they burrow through the soil, turning it, and feeding it with the dead leaves.

Some wildlife comes indoors by accident (like wasps) and some to hibernate (like ladybirds), but there are several creatures that choose to live in houses or flats all the time. A place which is neither clean nor tidy is even more popular. Mice, cockroaches, house crickets, and bluebottles all eat our food. Most of our clothes, carpets, and furniture are regarded as edible by grubs, moths, carpet beetles, and furniture beetles. The creature that most people like the least is the only one that is really useful to us – the house spider.

There is always some kind of wildlife in the street. At night you may see an urban fox on the move from its den. The most common birds are pigeons. Sometimes the area is left wild. If thistles grow, they provide food for greenfinches and goldfinches. Some predators eat pests. So does the ladybird. The great tit takes caterpillars, and the thrush eats snails, cracking their shell on a stone. The owl hunts mice and rats. However, useful creatures get eaten, too.

A city pond is surprisingly similar to one in the countryside. There may be several kinds of water beetle and pond snail and frogs and newts. Some visitors are unwelcome: the mosquito, for example, which breeds in shallow water. The hedgehog eats slugs, snails, and caterpillars, but will also take earthworms or frogs. The frog eats flies, but many take spiders as well. The fox will rid a garden of mice and rats, but may also eat frogs.

PICTURE STORY

Tell the story about two girls writing their diaries.



ROLEPLAY

STUDENT

Spring break is coming soon. How would you like to spend it? Give some ideas to your foreign exchange parents and explain why you think they are good. If your parents have a different opinion, try to find a compromise.

ROLEPLAY

TEACHER:

Your idea of spending spring break with your exchange student is to do as many sporting activities as possible, no mobile or social media, friends are welcome.

You start: I hope I am going to hear some interesting plans for our spring break, aren't I?

ANSWER KEY

GRAMMAR

1.was	4.had served	7.to join	10.was shot	13.was going
2.joined	5.married	8.was wounded	11.had to be amputated	14.was feared
3.was	6.was given	9.lost	12.were led / were being led	1.would invade

VOCABULARY

1.D/ out	5.C/ chop up	9.C/ into	13.D/ get ahead	17.automatically
2.B/ up being	6.A/ bring on	10.C/ on problems	14.simply	18.nervous
3.B/ into	7.B/ out of school	11.B/ pulled out of	15.rhythmic	19.faster
4.B/ got ahead	8.B/ ended up	12.C/ running a red light	16.expanded	20.resting

LISTENING

1.cats	2.worm/s	3.spider	4.Pests	5.flies, wasps, ladybirds, cockroaches, crickets, bluebottles, moths, beetles, mosquitoes
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READING

1.A	3.B	5.B	7.A	9.C
2.C	4.D	6.A	8.D	10.B

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