

Listening

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A

Listen to Adam talking about the *News Media Club* at his school.

Tick the correct option. 

1. The name of the school's radio programme is
a. ☐ Adam's broadcast. b. ☐ Adam's daily news. c. ☐ Adam's activities.
2. The _____ teacher is responsible for the new school club.
a. ☐ PE b. ☐ English c. ☐ ICT
3. Students can take part in the *News Media Club* every _____ afternoon.
a. ☐ Wednesday b. ☐ Thursday c. ☐ Friday
4. This club is currently looking for a(n) _____ to join their team.
a. ☐ ICT assistant b. ☐ writer c. ☐ school reporter
5. There will be a welcoming meeting at
a. ☐ 2.45. b. ☐ 2.30. c. ☐ 2 o'clock.
6. Students can send an email to _____ for any additional information.
a. ☐ jekob.roberts@newsmediacub.com.
b. ☐ jecob.roberts@newsmediacub.com.
c. ☐ jacob.roberts@newsmediacub.com.

B

Listen again. Are the statements True (T) or False (F)?

1. They interview teachers every week.
2. Members of the *News Media Club* will do different tasks.
3. Students who want to be members of the club must attend the welcoming meeting.
4. Mr Roberts is the ICT teacher.
5. Tomorrow's episode will be about problems the planet is facing.

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I – Reading

Read the text.

Ecotourism – The Way Forward? *by Mark Brion*

Hello everyone, and welcome to my blog! My name's Mark, and I'm an environmental and wildlife conservationist. I absolutely understand the impact and effects that tourism has had on destinations, so I'd like to share some principles of ecotourism with you.

Ecotourism is all about active tourism and is a low impact form of travel that finds ways to preserve the natural world by guaranteeing that ecosystems and local communities stay protected and undamaged. For example, no one wants to visit a beach that's full of plastic. Therefore, you can do ecotourism activities that focus on keeping places clean. In fact, there are now eco-resorts and ecolodges that have become more and more popular with travellers.

Many are the benefits of ecotourism:

- it educates people and raises awareness¹ of the risks to the environment;
- it ensures that the world stays beautiful for a long time and preserves some of the most fragile ecosystems on the planet;
- it supports local communities by putting money in the hands of small companies;
- it improves the quality of travel by giving you a richer cultural understanding of the destinations you travel to.

It is true that tourism is responsible for about 8% of greenhouse gases, but this doesn't mean we should give up travelling. We must find a balance and, by choosing ecotourism, we are giving back to the planet and making conscious decisions about travelling in an eco-friendlier way. So, if you're interested in becoming an ecotourist, travel to a destination that is known for its ecotourism initiatives and practise responsible hiking, camping and backpacking. You should also respect the wildlife, observe the animals at a safe distance and don't try to feed them.

In a nutshell², I believe ecotourism is definitely the way forward.

<https://markbrion.com>; abridged and adapted

¹raises awareness: sensibiliza; chama a atenção

²in a nutshell: em suma

A Find the opposite for the following words between lines 4 and 12.

1. high _____
2. damage _____
3. dirty _____
4. strong _____

B Match the two columns to make true sentences about the text. There are two extra options.

Mark Brion realises	1	•	•	a	is one of the advantages of ecotourism.
There is a variety of ecotourism activities	2	•	•	b	such as eco-resorts and ecolodges.
Supporting local communities	3	•	•	c	finds a way to travel to eco-friendly destinations.
An ecotourist	4	•	•	d	tourism has had negative effects on destinations.
			•	e	is the cause of 8% of greenhouse gases.
			•	f	which are environmentally friendly and keep beaches clean.

C Answer the questions about the text.

1. According to Mark, what is ecotourism all about?

2. Why does ecotourism improve the quality of travel?

3. As an ecotourist, what should you do when visiting wildlife?

4. Do you think ecotourism can save the planet in the future? Justify your answer.

Vocabulary and Grammar

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Vocabulary

- A** Complete the sentences with the correct environmental issue. There are two extra options.

air pollution oil spill deforestation floods
endangered species global warming water contamination

1. Many of the fish in the Tagus River died because of _____. Scientists found many dangerous chemicals in the water.
2. It rained so much last winter that the _____ destroyed most of the vegetation.
3. _____ makes it harder for us to breathe because there are so many car fumes that are toxic.
4. The number of _____ is rising. Soon many animals will become extinct.
5. _____ wouldn't be a problem if we didn't cut down so many trees.

- B** Read the sentences about environmental issues and match them to their possible solution.

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| Plastic, paper and glass aren't always placed in specific bins. | 1 • | • a | ride a bike |
| Henry wastes a lot of water when brushing his teeth. | 2 • | • b | recycle |
| We still burn fossil fuels to generate electricity every day. | 3 • | • c | use renewable energies |
| Car fumes are really toxic and increase the levels of air pollution. | 4 • | • d | buy an electric car |
| Plastic bags are found every day in the oceans. | 5 • | • e | don't leave the tap running |
| My brother always drives to work, but it's only five minutes from home. | 6 • | • f | use paper bags |

Grammar

A Complete the sentences with a reflexive pronoun.

1. I prepared this project on ecotourism by _____.
2. Jonathan planted those pine trees _____.
3. Kids, help _____ to some free stickers about global warming.
4. The students really enjoyed _____ at the eco-resort.
5. Marge, did you make this recycled necklace _____?

B Fill in the blanks with *for*, *since*, *never*, *just*, *yet* or *already*. Use each option only once.

1. Have you seen Leonardo DiCaprio's new documentary on climate change _____?
Yes, I've _____ watched it. I watched it a moment ago. It was great!
2. Ethan and Harriet have _____ stayed in an ecolodge, so they are going to book one for next year.
3. Mr Larson has had his electric car _____ 2019.
4. We've _____ separated the plastic containers, so you don't have to worry about that. We did it a minute ago.
5. Mark has been a wildlife conservationist _____ seven years.

C Complete the sentences with the present perfect.

1. Zack _____ (**see**) many tornados where he lives. He says these occurrences _____ (**increase**) over the past years.
2. Many people _____ (**read**) about the greenhouse effect and its threats.
3. _____ (**Rachel / ever / do**) research on endangered species?
4. You _____ (**have**) your Toyota hybrid for a long time now.

Writing

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Look at the photos and think of an imaginary situation. Choose one of the environmental problems below and write a news article. Use the information in the boxes to help you.



Headline

Lead
1st paragraph

Body

Conclusion
last paragraph