

While you listen

The *Britain is Great* series tells you about some of the things that make Britain so great. There's a lot of fun facts – and lots of good language, too. See if you can answer the questions while you watch the video.

Comprehension Task 1 - Choose all the answers that are true about the Eden Project, according to the video.

1. It contains a variety of world ecosystems.
2. It has a statue made of rubbish.
3. It has biomes shaped like bubbles.
4. It is an international tourist attraction.
5. It is involved in environmental research.
6. It uses green technology and recycles water.
7. It was built on the site of an old coal mine.
8. It works to conserve rare species of plants and animals.
9. Its main aim is education.
10. The main building is taller than Big Ben.

Comprehension Task 2 - Use no more than three words and/or a number to complete the sentences about the Eden project.

1. The Eden Project is in _____, in the UK.
2. The Eden Project began over _____ ago.
3. Biomes function as _____ which simulate different climatic conditions around the world.

4. The tropical rainforest biome shows people where products such as _____ come from.
5. The project uses recycled water _____ days a week.
6. The jade vine comes from _____.
7. In the wild, _____ pollinate the jade vine.
8. WEEE man is constructed from the rubbish one person generates in their _____.

Language Task 1 - Put the words in order to make sentences from the video.

1. lives / the planet / The nation / reduce / their daily / have on / trying to / is / the impact
2. visit from / It's / so / the world / successful / tourists / around / been / that
3. old / as an / The Eden Project / life / over / ago / china clay / started/ ten years / pit
4. it / here to / The Eden Project / planet / is / show / can live / with the / without / how we / destroying /
5. better / go / Well, since / have / I'm / I'd / up / a / here,
6. their / throw / the rubbish / made / lifetime / He's / entirely of / one person / will / away in

Language Task 2 - 'Green' vocabulary. Put the right words in the spaces.

- a) an ecosystem
- b) biodegradable
- c) carbon footprint
- d) emissions
- e) fossil fuels
- f) greenhouse
- g) recycling
- h) renewable
- i) self-sufficient
- j) sustainable

1. Gases in the atmosphere, especially carbon dioxide, that are causing the Earth's surface to get warmer are known as _____ gases.

2. The London Olympics will be _____ because they will cause little or no damage to the environment and the benefits will last for a long time.

3. The interaction of living things in the area with each other and their environment is called _____.

4. Making new products from materials that have already been used is called _____.

5. The Eden Project tries to be _____ with energy, which means that it tries to generate as much of the energy that it uses as possible.

6. A person's, organisation's, or country's contribution to greenhouse gases in the atmosphere is their _____.

7. Energy that is _____ comes from sources that won't run out, like the sun or wind.

8. Something that can decompose naturally and harmlessly in a reasonably short time is _____.

9. Sources of energy based on petroleum, such as gas, coal and oil, are _____.

10. We use the phrase carbon _____ to describe the carbon dioxide that is released into the atmosphere by burning gas, coal or oil.

Comprehension Task 1: 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6; 9; 10
Comprehension Task 2: 1. Cornwall; 2. ten years/10 years; 3. ecosystems/greenhouses; 4. chocolate and bananas/bananas and chocolate; 5. 3/three; 6. the Philippines; 7. fruit bats; 8. lifetime

Language Task 1: 1. The nation is trying to reduce the impact their daily lives have on the planet. 2. It's been so successful that tourists visit from around the world. 3. The Eden Project started life over ten years ago as an old china clay pit. 4. The Eden Project is here to show how we can live with the planet without destroying it. 5. Well, since I'm up here, I'd better have a go. 6. He's made entirely of the rubbish one person will throw away in their lifetime.

Language Task 2: 1. f; 2. j; 3. a; 4. g; 5. i; 6. c; 7. h; 8. b; 9. e; 10. d