What we have forgotten

In this video, natural scientist Janine Benyus tells us about what we’ve forgotten about the natural world.

Tasks

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

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<th>Vocabulary</th>
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<td>1. ...... competent</td>
<td>a. a plant, animal or any other living thing</td>
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<td>2. ...... co-ordination</td>
<td>b. an idea many people believe but which is not true</td>
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<td>3. ...... genius</td>
<td>c. imposed by an authority</td>
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<td>4. ...... gracefully</td>
<td>d. great natural ability or skill</td>
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<td>5. ...... a myth</td>
<td>e. to come into somebody’s mind</td>
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<td>6. ...... an organism</td>
<td>f. in a pleasant and relaxed way</td>
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<td>7. ...... to occur to somebody</td>
<td>g. the organisation of things so that they work well together</td>
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<td>8. ...... top-down</td>
<td>h. able to do something well</td>
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Task 1

Are the sentences true or false?

1. According to the speaker, everyone used to know what she explains in the video.   [True / False]
2. The speaker describes spring as a chaotic competition between organisms.        [True / False]
3. When she mentions spring, the speaker suggests that humans do not always have the right priorities. [True / False]
4. The neighbour thought the speaker had built the wasps’ nest.                    [True / False]
5. The speaker compares different organisms’ activities to human activities to show how similar they are. [True / False]
6. The speaker seems to admire human achievements more than she admires nature.    [True / False]
Task 2
Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

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1. The ................................ of the natural world is doing things very similar ................................ what we humans need to do.
2. We’re not the first ................................ to build houses.
3. He asked me ................................ I had made the house.
4. It ................................ to me that he didn’t know this.
5. If something was ................................ well done, we must have done it.

Discussion
What do you think of these ideas?
Answers

Preparation task
1. h
2. g
3. d
4. f
5. b
6. a
7. e
8. c

Task 1
1. True
2. False
3. True
4. True
5. True
6. False

Task 2
1. rest | to
2. ones
3. how
4. occurred
5. that