

11A *Animals and nature*

Activity 1

A: Do you enjoy visiting zoos?

B: I love visiting zoos. It's fun to see different wild animals.

A: I hate zoos. I don't think it's natural to put animals in cages.

A: Have you ever visited a botanical garden or a nature park?

B: I've visited the botanical garden downtown. It was very peaceful.

A: Do you like plants or flowers? Do you have any in your home?

B: I love plants. I have about 20 flowerpots on my balcony.

Activity 2

A A: How many different animals can we think of? Let's see. For mammals, there's gorilla . . .

B: There's also monkey, lion, tiger, kangaroo, and koala. What about birds?

Activity 2

B A: Let's compare charts. What do you have for "Mammals"?

B: We have . . .

A: Which of these animals have you seen? Where?

B: I've never seen a gorilla, but I've seen lots of monkeys at the zoo.

C: I've seen monkeys, too.

D: There are lots of ducks on the lake in the park.

A: What are the animals like?

B: The monkeys I saw at the zoo were really cute!

C: I saw a snake once. It was really ugly.

A: Are any of these animals endangered?

B: I think gorillas are endangered.

C: You're right. They're one of the most endangered mammals.

A: Which animals can be pets?

B: I think dogs, cats, monkeys, parrots, and snakes can be pets.

C: I'm not sure about monkeys and snakes. It may be illegal to keep them as pets.

A: What are your favorite animals? Why?

B: My favorite animal is the koala. Koalas are really cute.

Activity 3

A A: Do you know where meerkats live?

B: I'm not sure where they live. But I think they eat insects.

A: Maybe they live in Africa.

Activity 3

C A: Are you concerned about animals becoming extinct? Why or why not?

B: I'm very concerned. Once an animal becomes extinct, it's gone forever.

C: I'm not that concerned. I think we're doing a lot to protect endangered animals.

A: What animals in your country are endangered?

B: I think the humpback whale is endangered.

C: The giant armadillo is endangered where I live.

A: How can we protect endangered species?

B: We need to protect the areas where they live.

C: Yes, and we should stop hunting endangered animals.

11^B Protecting our environment

Activity 1

- A: Do we have these environmental problems where we live?
B: Deforestation isn't a big problem here.
A: It's not a problem in this city, but it's a problem in other parts of the country.
A: What other environmental problems do we have?
B: There are hardly any fish left in the lake.
A: Yes, and global warming is another environmental problem.

Activity 2

- A** A: Do you recycle paper, glass, cans, and plastic?
B: Sometimes. So I'm writing 2. How about you?
A: I often do. I'm writing 3.

Activity 2

- B** A: I got a score of 24. What score did you get?
B: I got 37.
A: Wow! You must really be concerned about the environment. Let's turn to page 93 to see what our scores mean.

Activity 2

- C** A: Which things in the questionnaire help the environment the most?
B: I think avoiding using more water than you need will help the environment the most. It's something everyone can do, and it will save so much water.
C: I agree. Turning off lights when you leave a room is something else we can all do.
D: I think recycling is the most valuable thing we can do.
A: What other things can we do to help the environment?
B: To help the environment, we should avoid products that can't be recycled.
C: That's a good idea. Something else we can do is stop sending junk mail.
D: And I think people should plant a new tree every time they cut down an old tree.
A: Are there laws to protect the environment where you live?
B: There are many laws to protect the environment where I live. Recently, the county introduced water-restriction laws to help save water.
C: That's right. We're no longer allowed to water the grass with a hose.
D: And they increased the fine for littering at the beach.

Activity 3

- C** A: Can you think of any environmental problems where you live? What solutions can you suggest?
B: Air pollution is a big problem in City Park. One reason is there are too many cars.
C: Maybe they can pass a law. They should only allow cars during specific hours.