

You haven't said 'good-bye' to your friends yet.
You haven't packed your suitcase yet.

6. Write about your results in learning English. How much have you done? Use the phrases in the boxes.

meet, learn, listen to, play, speak about, read(about),
write, do, fill in, ...

past, present, future, Mr Rambler, Nick, Rosie,
Yan, new words, texts, songs, games, conversations,
exercises, chants, names of animals,
geographical names

Example. *I've learnt many chants.*

Lesson 6. A PERFECT HOBBY

ACTIVE GRAMMAR

V₃ of *to go* and *to be*; the Present Perfect Tense with *so far* and *recently*

ACTIVE VOCABULARY

to go bird-watching, so far, to rescue, recently

1. a) What's your hobby?

b) Look at the photo and guess what this boy's hobby is.



2. a) Listen to the tongue-twister.

Match the words *nature*, *natural* and *naturalist* with the symbols [æ] and [eɪ].

b) Listen and repeat: It's natural for a naturalist to love nature.

nature — natural — naturalist

c) Use the right word from 2a to complete the sentence.
Read the sentence out loud.

It's n... for wolf cubs to play
hide-n-seek and tag —
just like you do.



3. a) Read what Nick says about his uncle Andrew Rambler. What is Mr Rambler's hobby?

Nick: You know, Yan, my uncle Andrew is my best friend. We've always ... (1) friends. We do a lot of things together. I like to go travelling with him. I've ... (2) to Africa with him. Uncle Andrew is a well-travelled person, you know. He's been to 77 countries **so far**. He writes books about wildlife and helps animals in danger. He's **rescued** three baby gorillas from poachers* **recently**. And even now you can't find him at home — he's ... (3) to Belarus again. Uncle Andrew wants to ... (4) **bird-watching** there.



b) Fill in the missing words. Then, listen and check yourselves.

c) Match the words in bold with their definitions.

(a) studying birds in the wild ____

(b) not long ago, especially a few days, weeks or months

____ (c) to help someone out of a dangerous situation, to save ____

(d) up to now ____

* poachers — браконьєры



4. a) Answer the grammar questions on page 261.

b) Fill in the gaps with *has / have gone to, has / have been to or has / have been*.

1. Nick ... the cinema. He left an hour ago. 2. My grandmother ... happy all her life. 3. You can't see Mr Rambler before the 20th. He ... Belarus on business. 4. ... you ever ... the opera? 5. Liz isn't here at the moment. She ... the corner shop to buy some bread. 6. The McGregors ... the USA twice.

c) Use *so far or recently*.

Yan: I've been to 3 countries I've been to the Prypyats What about you?

d) Write your answer to Yan's question in ex. 4c.

5. Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions.

1. Who have you always been friends with? 2. What countries have you been to so far? 3. What interesting things have you done recently? 4. Have you ever rescued a pet or a wild animal? 5. Do you think bird-watching is a popular hobby in Belarus? Do you know someone who goes bird-watching? 6. Would you like to go bird-watching?



6. a) Look at the photos of some Belarusian birds on the back cover of the book. Listen to their names, repeat after the speaker. Have you seen any of them in the wild?

b) Read the tourist brochure on bird-watching in Belarus and the reviews. Do you think Mr Rambler would like to go bird-watching in the Prypiatsky National Park?

Visit the Prypyatsky National Park

With endless forests and over 11,000 lakes, Belarus is a paradise* for naturalists. Our tour is based in the world-famous Prypyatsky National Park with its fantastic wildlife. There are more than 800 plant species, some 50 animal species and more than 200 species of birds in the park. The fairy-tale oak forests, beautiful waterways, hard-to-see European birds like woodpeckers (8 species!), owls, black storks, grey cranes, Azure tits and snake-birds.

Enjoy a 7-day bird-watching holiday in Belarus. We begin our holiday with a flight from London to Minsk and travel from there to Turau, where we stay for six nights. In the park we'll travel both on foot and by boat, listening to the birdsong and drumming** of the woodpeckers. On the 7th day we come back to Minsk and fly back to London.

Reviews

The holiday has been wonderful! The wildlife of the Prypyatsky National Park is simply unique. I'm coming back home with hundreds of photos.

Richard Taylor

I'm leaving Turau today. I've been to the Prypyatsky National Park and I've seen 7 species of woodpeckers! Belarus is a great place to go bird-watching!

Jon Campbell-Walker

7. a) Ask and answer the questions.

- Have you been to the Prypyatsky National Park?
- Would you like to go there? Why? Why not?

b) Write a paragraph to report the results of ex. 6a.

* paradise — рай

** drumming — барабанная дробь