



Lesson 5. Gardens of Britain

1. The British are keen on gardens and gardening. The beauty of British gardens is there for all to enjoy. They range from charming country gardens in front of houses to huge landscaped parks and are really amazing. Is there a garden near your house? Are there a lot of flowers in your town or city?

2a. Scan the visitors' information about the gardens (the first 3–4 lines) and answer the questions.

1. Which garden is open daily (every day)? 2. Which gardens aren't open to visitors in December and January? 3. Which gardens are closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day? 4. What's the latest closing time? In which garden?

2b.   Listen and read about the gardens and answer the questions.

1. Where can you see exotic plants in greenhouses? 2. Where can you find plants from around the globe? 3. Where can you see lots of rhododendrons¹? 4. Where can you find a wild Himalayan gorge (узкое ущелье)?

Exbury Gardens, Exbury ['eksbəɪ], Hampshire

Tel: 023 8089 1203 *Open*: late Feb – late Nov, daily 10–5.30 (or dusk if earlier)

Created in the 1920s by Lionel de Rothschild, Exbury Gardens are a visual *extravaganza*. Idyllically set on the east bank of the Beaulieu ['bjʊ:li] River, the 73ha (hectares ['hekteəs]) landscaped woodland gardens offer superb displays of rhodo-



Herbaceous [hə'beɪʃəs]
borders



Candelabra primulas
[ˌkændə'la:brə'prɪmjʊləz]

¹ **rhododendrons** [ˌrɒdə'dendrənɪz] – рододендроны



Rhododendrons



Maples

dendrons, camellias and azaleas [ə'zeɪliəz]. Trees as well as flowers have their special place, with many rare and beautiful examples including an ancient yew tree¹. A labyrinth of tracks and paths (тропинки) lead through the beautiful plantings, cascades and ponds (пруды), rose garden, rock garden, heather and iris ['aɪrɪs] gardens, daffodil meadow and river walk. Exbury continues to develop with recent additions including a herbaceous (травянистый) and grasses garden.

Windsor ['wɪnzə] **Great Park**, Berkshire ['bɑ:kʃ(ɪ)ə]

Tel: 01753 847518 *Open:* daily Mar – Oct 10 am – 6 pm; Nov – Feb 10 am – 4 pm. Closed 25–26 Dec, 1 Jan.



An ancient oak tree



The Valley Gardens overlooking
Virginia Water Lake

Truly a garden for all seasons, Savill Garden was created in 1932. Under the patronage of King George IV and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, the gardens which cover 14ha, are run by traditional methods and give a home for plants that might

¹yew [ju:] tree – тис

be lost. Spring displays of rhododendrons and azaleas, *underplanted* with primulas and wild narcissus, are followed by a range of roses, late summer herbaceous borders and spectacular autumn colours. Many rare¹ plants blossom in the Queen Elizabeth Temperate (с умеренным микроклиматом) House.

Kew [kju:] **Gardens** (**Royal Botanic Gardens**), Kew, London
 Tel: 020 8940 1171. *Open*: daily 9.30–6.30 (closing time varies according to the season). Closed 25 Dec, 1 Jan



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Inside the Waterlily House

The world's foremost (передовой) Royal Botanic Gardens offer a visit at any time of the year. Containing around 30,000 species of plants, including 13 species extinct (исчезнувшие) in the wild, the gardens were created in 1722 under the patronage of George III, but Sir Joseph Banks encouraged the project from the very beginning and brought unknown plants back from a world voyage aboard Captain Cook's ship *Endeavour* [ɪn'devəv]. Go in spring for the lilac² and rhododendrons, and in winter when even on the greyest of days the greenhouses are full of exotic growth. At Kew you will find plants from around the globe and from every habitat – desert, swamp and rainforest.

grow (v) – growth (n)

Crarae ['krɑ:reɪ] **Gardens**, Crarae, Inveraray [ɪnvə'reəri], Scottish Lowlands

Tel: 01546 886614 / 886388. *Open*: daily – summer 9 am – 6 pm, winter daylight hours

Among Scotland's loveliest gardens, Crarae is set beside the fascinating Loch Fyne and covers 25ha of woodland with one

¹ **rare** [reɪ] – редкие; ² **lilac** ['lɪlək] – сирень



of the finest rhododendron collections in Scotland. Crarae Glen (a narrow and deep mountain valley) is the nearest thing in Scotland to a wild Himalayan [ˌhɪməˈleɪən] gorge and contains many exotic plants. Here also is the site of the National Collection of the southern beech and the gardens contain important and large trees and shrubs (кусты).

2c. Have a phonetic competition. Pronounce the names of gardens and plants.

3a. Role-play. Natalie and her family are going to take Alesya to one of these gardens. Work in groups. Divide the roles. Each of you chooses one garden you'd like to visit and gets ready to explain why you should go there: 1) what you can find there, 2) when it's open, 3) where it's situated, 4) what you think of this garden, 5) what else you can see in the location, 6) what else you can do there.


HELP BOX

huge, small, large, wide, narrow, amazing, attractive, spectacular, fantastic, fascinating, lovely, pretty, super, picturesque

3b. Act out the discussion.

HELP BOX

Let's go to Why not go to ... ? We could go to We should go and see It's convenient. It's twice as near as It's open on ... from ... to I'm sure we'll enjoy / love it. It sounds too far / right / good / fascinating / OK. / Great!

4.  Write about a garden you saw once and liked very much (use the plan in ex. 3a).