


I strongly recommend ...
 The museum is a home to a huge collection of ...
 Its exhibitions are dedicated to ...
 There are some rare and ... exhibits, which will help you to discover (how) ...
 The museum shop has a range of ...
 You can find the museum ...
 The opening times are from ... to ...
 Admission is ... for children / adults.
 Don't miss the opportunity to visit the museum.
 You will get unforgettable impressions.

Lesson 4. Can you enjoy simple pleasures?

1. Read the following saying and say whether you agree or disagree with it:

The best things in life are free.

2a.  Listen, read the poem and answer: *What is the author's message/ idea? Do you agree with the author? Why or why not?*

What is this life if, full of care¹,
 We have no time to stand and stare².
 No time to see, when woods we pass,
 Where squirrels (белки) hide their nuts in grass.
 No time to see, in broad [brɔ:d] daylight,
 Streams (ручьи) full of stars, like skies at night.
 A poor life this if, full of care,
 We have no time to stand and stare.

William Henry Davies, a Welsh poet

¹ full of care – полный забот

² stare – смотреть широко раскрытыми глазами

2b. Have a phonetic competition. Read the poem expressively.

2c. Look at the words with the letters 'a' and 'i'. Sum up all their rules of reading.

3a.  Listen, read the letters to an Internet magazine and choose the name of the magazine.

a. Leisure Time Travel

b. Nature Lovers

c. Exotic [ɪɡˈzɒtɪk] Hobbies

1. There are many beautiful rivers in Florida, but none of them attract me so much or give me the joy of the Crystal. This amazing river, together with two other rivers, snake their way toward the Gulf of Mexico. Within a few miles, the subtropical landscape turns into meadows¹ of grass and then into islands of grass – it is the shallow beginning of the Gulf of Mexico. The waters here are dangerous, as the bottom of the river is very rocky.



The coastal marshes that surround the rivers have a lot of food for fish. Fish are plentiful here. Everything is quiet, and I can only hear the water splashing against my boat. I put a fly on the line, and it begins its beautiful journey. The fly sinks deep. A moment later the rod bends (сгибается), and the water splashes. The air is full of fish. The beautiful fish is at the side of the boat. I admire the silver fish with its huge eyes staring at me, and after a short moment I let it go back to the waters of the gulf.

The weather is absolutely marvellous. The water is clear and flat and shines in the sun. I can see right to the bottom and watch a turtle (водная черепаха) in the river.

It is times like this that you wonder what you have done right in your life to have such a fabulous gift.

¹ meadows [ˈmedəʊz] – луга

2. I enjoy vegetable gardening. I really think it's a relaxing recreational activity.

You can use your backyard or front lawn¹, but if you are living in a flat, you might have to grow your vegetables or herbs in containers on your windows or on the balcony.



You should take into account that most plants want lots of sunshine, regular watering, support and rich soils (почвы). All of them will need your care, some of them more, some less. But of course you have to look at the amount of time you have, before you decide what type of plants you want to grow. If you are a beginner, growing peas, carrots, cucumbers and beans are the easiest.

But there are a few benefits as well. You will enjoy the fruits of your labour, save some money on buying vegetables and eat fresh and healthy food.

3. I am a dedicated mushroom-picker all through the summer to autumn. For some it is sport, for some it's a matter of some extra money. For yet others, it's the way to spend some good time with family, among beautiful woods, which have prepared a gift for them. There's a special feeling when you find the first mushroom – you feel you must take part in the mushrooming fun and give it up only when the basket is full². If you decide to join the fun, be careful. There are some poisonous ones too. Unfortunately, there are more of them than good ones. For example, toadstools, which have red caps with



¹lawn [lɔ:n] – лужайка

²give it up only when the basket is full – отказываются (заканчивают) только когда корзина полна.

white spots on them. Eating one could cause serious health problems.

We usually go for yellow chanterelles ['tʃɑːntərelz]. You can seldom take them for (принять за) anything else. But the best of course are penny buns, or 'bennies'. There's a number of recipes to cook mushrooms. My favourite is mushroom sauce. It's cooked mushrooms, which are then baked in the oven with melted butter, mixed with sour cream, onions, and spices like salt, pepper, garlic, dill ... Can you share your recipe?

3b. Answer the questions in pairs.

1. Which of the letters is the most poetic? How do you understand it?
2. Which is the most emotional?
3. Which is the least emotional?
4. Which is practical?
5. Which describes a close link with nature?
6. What are the benefits of each of these pastimes?
7. Can you cook mushrooms? Share your recipe.
8. Have you ever participated in fishing, gardening or mushroom hunting?
9. What other leisure time activities are linked with nature?
10. Are you a nature lover?

3c. In pairs describe your personal experiences connected with one of these activities. Write out the key words for help.

3d. Report to the class. Are you a class of nature lovers? What activity do you prefer?

4. Role play 'A nature outing'. Work in groups of three: A – a nature lover, B – his or her sister, brother, cousin, friend, C – his or her parent. Imagine you are getting ready to go picnicking, fishing, camping, walking, or mushroom-picking.

A. Choose one of the activities, decide what season it is and discuss with your group


- where and when you'd like to go,
- what you want to do there,

- what you need to take,
- what you need to put on,
- the weather forecast,
- safety rules.

B. Get ready with all the dialogues.

C. Act out your role play.

D. With your class decide which is the most popular activity, weather and season.

5.  Add your own letter to the Internet magazine 'Nature lovers'. Write 10 sentences about your favourite leisure time activities linked with nature (see ex. 3a).



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Lesson 5. Is reading and watching films your leisure time activities?

1. Discuss with your classmates book and film genres that they prefer. What are the most popular ones?

2a.  Listen to the talk at a CD shop. In what order are they talking about the films? What are their genres?

Science fiction

Action

Romance

Adventure

A. Dances with Wolves. Director Kevin Costner. Starring: Kevin Costner, Rodney A. Grant.

B. Casino Royale ['rɔɪəl]. Director Martin Campbell. Starring: Daniel Craig as James Bond.

C. War of the Worlds. Director Steven Spielberg. Starring: Tom Cruise as Ray Ferrier.

D. Gone with the Wind. Director Sam Wood, Victor Fleming. Starring: Vivien Leigh [li:], Clark Gable.