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A young skateboarder at the playground in Riemer Park, outside of Munich, Germany. The park uses grass, dyed artificial turf and changes in elevation to give people a unique and immersive area for recreation.

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| SPEAKING | Active listening; Showing interest | Including others in a conversation; Taking turns | Asking about and helping with new words; Seeking or offering help | Asking for and giving reasons; Showing interest |
| GRAMMAR | Present simple: Talking about facts <i>I live near the High Line.</i> In and on: Expressing location <i>Lion City is in eastern China.</i> | Present simple questions and answers: Talking about routines <i>Do football team chefs work every day? Yes, they do. / No, they don't.</i> Possessives: Showing ownership <i>This dentist's job is exciting.</i> | Present continuous: Actions happening now and temporary situations <i>He's watching the sunset. I'm visiting a friend in Norway.</i> Prepositions: Saying when things happen <i>at eight o'clock, on Monday(s), in the winter</i> | Modals: Describing obligation and making suggestions <i>We have to protect rhinos. We shouldn't ignore the rhino problem.</i> Modals: Describing ability in the present and past <i>What can we do about it? How could they avoid cars?</i> |
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| GRAMMAR | Past simple: Saying what happened (regular verbs) <i>Ancient Greeks preferred light hair to dark hair.</i> Past simple: Saying what happened (irregular verbs) <i>Doctors wore special suits.</i> | Adjectives: Comparing two or more things <i>Underwater hockey is a newer type of hockey.</i> Countable and uncountable nouns: Talking about amounts <i>Some meals are a mix of foods from different cultures.</i> | Superlatives: Comparing three or more things <i>Those phones are nice, but this one is the nicest.</i> Will and be going to: Talking about the future <i>People won't talk to each other on smartphones.</i> | Present perfect: Describing a past action that still continues <i>Games have always been a popular activity.</i> There + to be: Expressing existence at different points in time <i>There have always been sun celebrations around the world.</i> |
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MEET THE EXPLORERS



Unit 1

DANIEL RAVEN-ELLISON Geographer

Daniel Raven-Ellison believes that geography helps you to see the world around you in new ways. Daniel explores urban areas. He has walked across many cities, taking a picture after every eight steps! Daniel wants everyone to get outdoors, explore and discover the surprises that the world has for us.



Unit 2

GUILLERMO DE ANDA Underwater Archaeologist

Guillermo de Anda explores caves in the Yucatán Peninsula in Mexico, sometimes for more than 12 hours at a time. He searches for artifacts from the Maya civilisation. Guillermo often explores underwater in small and dark places. Would you enjoy this unusual job?



Unit 3

DAVID GRUBER Marine Biologist

David Gruber has always loved the sea. When he was a teenager, he learnt to surf. While he surfed, he wondered what was below the waves. Now David is a marine biologist. He studies underwater animals that make their own light. David wants to understand these incredible creatures and why they glow.



Unit 4

DOMINIQUE GONÇALVES Elephant Ecologist

Dominique Gonçalves works to reduce conflict between people and elephants. Between 800 and 1,000 elephants live in Gorongosa National Park in Mozambique. Dominique tracks the movements of these elephant herds. Dominique helps people learn to coexist with elephants.



Unit 5

ANDRÉS RUZO Geoscientist

Andrés Ruzo grew up between Nicaragua, Peru and Texas. As a boy in Lima, Peru, he heard a legend about a boiling river deep in the Amazon jungle. As a PhD student he learnt it was real, and became the first geoscientist given permission to study the Boiling River. It was dangerous work. A local shaman told him, 'Use your feet like eyes.' You can't see heat, but you can feel it when you step near it. So Andrés wore sandals!



Unit 6

JAHAWI BERTOLLI Filmmaker/Music Producer/Photographer

Jahawi Bertolli is a filmmaker, photographer and music producer from Kenya. Jahawi's photographs and films show the wildlife on land and life under the water that he wants to preserve. While on safari, Jahawi found an ancient rock gong. He made a film about the story of the rock gongs and the people who live near them.



Unit 7

MANU PRAKASH Biophysicist

As a child, Manu Prakash enjoyed experimenting in an empty chemistry lab. Now he's a biophysicist who has his own lab at Stanford University. Manu believes everyone should be able to understand science. That's why he created the Foldscope, a paper microscope. He hopes that this inexpensive tool will allow more people, especially young people, to make discoveries.



Unit 8

NORA SHAWKI Egyptian Archaeologist

Nora Shawki believes there is a story behind everything. She is an Egyptologist, an archaeologist who studies ancient Egypt. Nora and her team dig for artifacts, or things people made many years ago. Then she studies the artifacts to learn about the people who used them. Her work is like a puzzle because she puts pieces together to create a story about the past.

1 Life in the City

‘ Geography is about curiosity, exploration and discovery. It gives you the power to see places in new ways, search for your own answers and make sense of the world. ’

—Daniel Raven-Ellison


1. Look at the photo. What do you think the animal is doing?
2. Read the quote. Why do you think people want to explore the world?
3. Think about the title, quote and photo. What questions do you think this unit will answer?
4. Do you know any other animals that explore cities at night? Do any live near you?



A red fox exploring
Bristol, UK

VOCABULARY

1 What places and buildings are in cities?

Discuss. Then listen and read.  1.1

Songdo is a very **special** place. In 2001, the government of South Korea said they wanted a ‘green’ city – an urban area that is better for nature. Seoul, the **capital** city, was already very big, so they **designed** and **built** a new city. They decided to build Songdo about 55 km (35 mi.) from Seoul.



Architects worked for years to **plan** the city. They wanted Songdo to have parks and green space for everyone in the **community** to enjoy. Now 40 per cent of the city is **outdoor** green space! Songdo also has 25 km (15 mi.) of bike **paths**. This means people can ride bikes from the apartments they live in to the offices they work in. They don't always have to drive a car. Bus and railway stations are also a short walk from anywhere in the city. Fewer cars mean a greener city!

Songdo also has special **architecture**. The Northeast Asia Trade Tower is one of the tallest **skyscrapers** in South Korea. The buildings in Songdo are also unusual because they are

connected! Computers are built into the houses, apartments, schools and offices. These **indoor** spaces can be controlled by phones. All of this means that Songdo is also a smart city!

Nowhere is perfect though. People from rural areas and other cities say that Songdo doesn't have a sense of community. People don't talk to neighbours or go out to restaurants. Many green spaces are empty. One **resident** says, 'There are a lot of people here, but you don't really see them.'

What do you think? What is the most important part of a city? Is Songdo a **symbol** of a smart and green future, or are the communities of a city more important? Only time will tell.



2 LEARN NEW WORDS. Listen and repeat.  1.2

3 WORK IN PAIRS. Choose five vocabulary words. Write a question using each word. Then ask another pair your questions.

What is the Northeast Asia Trade Tower?

A skyscraper!


4 WORK IN GROUPS. Compare Songdo to the place where you live. How are they the same or different? What do you like or dislike about each place?

5 Read and write the words from the list. Make any necessary changes.

architecture capital outdoor plan
resident skyscraper special

Daniel Raven-Ellison has a very _____ job; he's a geographer. He loves seeing and exploring new places and making discoveries. Daniel says that _____ of a place should look for new things. They can make new discoveries even if they've lived in the same place their whole lives.

Daniel _____ all kinds of exciting adventures. On one adventure, he climbed more than 3,300 floors of the many tall _____ in London. On another, he walked across Mexico City, the _____ of Mexico. He photographed everything he saw in front of him every eight steps. He took photos of _____, streets and public spaces. He did the same thing in 12 more cities!

6 LEARN NEW WORDS. Listen for these words and write them next to the definitions. Then listen and repeat.  1.3 and 1.4

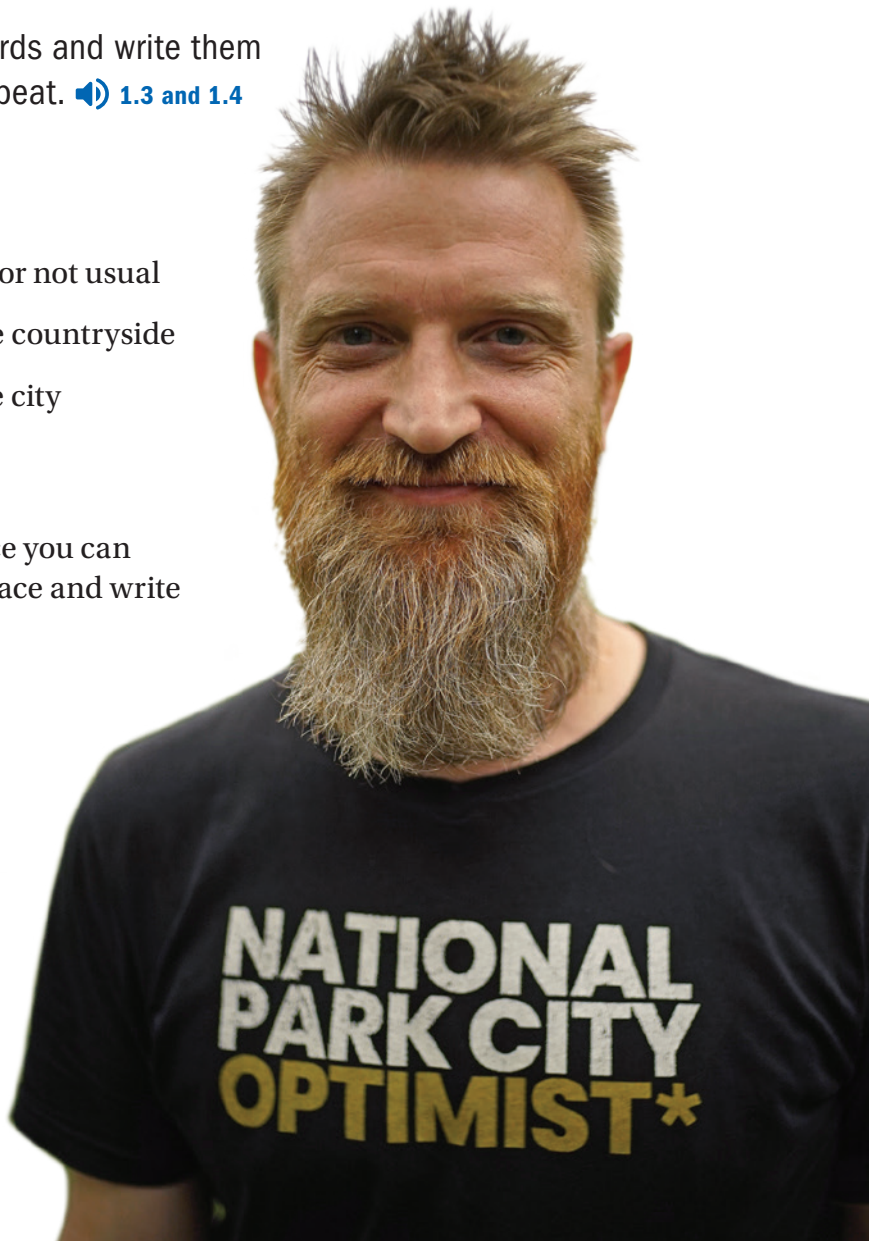
rural unusual urban

- _____ 1. different or not usual
_____ 2. about the countryside
_____ 3. about the city

7 Your Choice Choose an activity.

- A. **Work independently.** Write about a place you can explore near your home. Describe the place and write why it interests you.
- B. **Work in pairs.** Walk around your classroom and stop every eight steps. Talk about what you can see near you.
- C. **Work in groups.** Take an outdoor walk around your school. Find things that are hard, soft, brown, green, small and big. Take photos and share them with the class.


Daniel Raven-Ellison



SPEAKING

Active listening 1.5

- Really?
- No way!
- Seriously?
- Wow!
- You're kidding!
- That's incredible!

1 Listen. How do the speakers show they're listening actively?
Tick (✓) the words and phrases you hear.  1.6

2 Read and complete the dialogue to show active listening.
Then practise the dialogue with a partner.

Dad: Meiling, look at this. I found this old map of our city.
It's more than 100 years old.

Meiling: _____ Let me see.

Dad: This building was a hospital. It's a music venue now.

Meiling: _____

Dad: I know! And this was the old library.

Meiling: _____ Now it's a tall skyscraper.

Conversation tip: Showing interest

You can use your face and body to show interest and understanding. Is something funny? Smile. Do you agree? Nod your head.

3 Work in groups. Take turns. Choose a card. Read the question and the possible answers. Group members guess the answer and use active listening to respond to the correct answer.

4 Work in pairs. Think of an interesting place, thing or event in your community and describe it to your partner. Your partner should use the words and phrases above to show active listening. When you finish, swap roles.

Is the answer A?

No, it's C.

That's amazing!

How many ants are there for every person in the world?

- a. 1,000
- b. 1 million
- c. 6 million



b. 1 million

Go to Game 1A.

GRAMMAR

Present simple: Talking about facts 1.7

I **live** near the High Line.

She **works** next to the High Line.


Cars **don't drive** on the High Line.

Go to the Grammar Reference for more information.

You **go** to concerts on the High Line.

The High Line **doesn't allow** pets.

We **walk** through the High Line's gardens.

1 Listen. You will hear eight facts about the High Line. For each fact, circle the present simple form you hear.  1.8

- | | | | | | |
|----------|--------|---------------|----------|--------|--------------|
| 1. grow | grows | don't grow | 5. need | needs | don't need |
| 2. visit | visits | doesn't visit | 6. enjoy | enjoys | don't enjoy |
| 3. open | opens | doesn't open | 7. sell | sells | doesn't sell |
| 4. close | closes | doesn't close | 8. get | gets | don't get |

2 Read. Complete the sentences with the correct present simple form of the verbs in brackets.

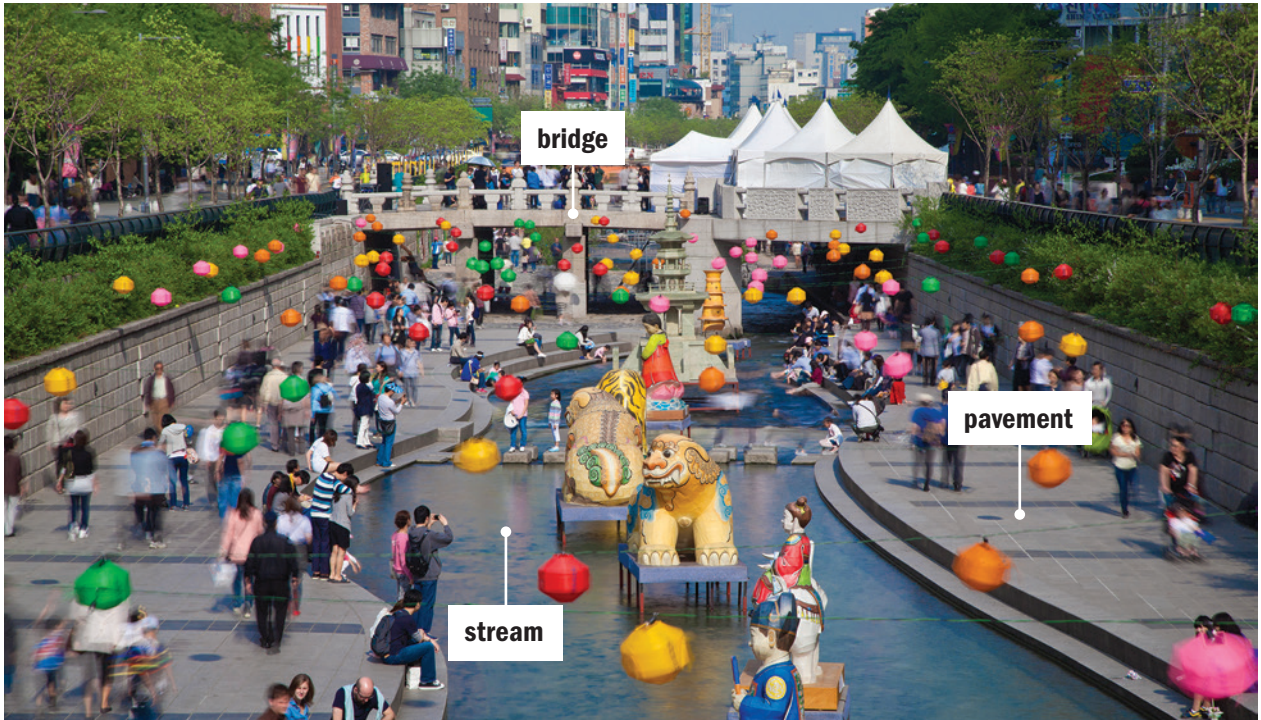
- The High Line _____ open all night. (not stay)
- The High Line _____ special chairs for resting. (have)
- A tour guide _____ about the High Line's gardens. (talk)
- Musicians _____ concerts on Saturday afternoons. (give)
- Visitors _____ to walk along the High Line. (not pay)

3 Work in pairs. Take turns saying facts about the High Line. Use the present simple.

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. the High Line / have / a play area for children | 4. guides / give / free tours to visitors |
| 2. you / not / need / a ticket for the High Line | 5. he / go to / exercise classes on the High Line |
| 3. many animals / live / on the High Line | 6. I / (not) want / to visit the High Line |

**The High Line in
New York City, US**

- 4 **LEARN NEW WORDS.** Listen and read about the Cheonggyecheon Stream in Seoul, South Korea. Then listen and repeat. 🗣️ 1.9 and 1.10



Cheonggyecheon Stream

Seoul is the capital city of South Korea. It has an unusual park. To make the park, the city removed a **motorway** over an underground **stream**. The people wanted the area around the stream to be an urban green space. Today the 11 km (6 mi.) long park on both sides of the Cheonggyecheon Stream is an outdoor place for people to enjoy.

At the park, visitors go to festivals and concerts. They look at art and watch water and light shows. Many people walk along the **pavements** or over one of the 22 **bridges**, each with its own design and meaning.

- 5 **Read and complete the sentences.** Make any necessary changes to the words in the list.

bridge motorway pavement stream

1. A _____ covered the Cheonggyecheon Stream.
2. Now visitors walk on the _____ near the water.
3. People enjoy water shows over the _____.
4. Each of the _____ has a special meaning.

- 6 **Work in groups.** Name an interesting outdoor place where you live. How do people enjoy this place? What can you see and do there? Use the present simple.

READING

A New Type of Park

London: A capital *and* a national park city

Imagine stepping out of your front door and standing in the middle of a national park city. The work of Daniel Raven-Ellison helps make this possible for millions of London residents. Daniel was a leader in the campaign to make London a national park city.

London is a big city with buildings, residents and more than 13,000 kinds of wildlife. These animals and plants live in the city's 3,000 parks. In fact, 47 per cent of the land in London is green space.

'We have 8 million trees in London; it's the world's largest urban forest,' Daniel says.

That's almost one tree for every person living in London! The city has a goal for every resident to be able to walk to green space from their home in less than ten minutes.

Daniel believes that having London as a national park city protects the animal life and green space in the city. He wants to encourage people of all ages to spend more time outdoors. Daniel takes his own son out to explore London, and he thinks that other families should do the same. Daniel thinks that people who spend a lot of time in nature live happier and healthier lives. What do you think?





1 Make Predictions **Work in pairs.** You can look at the title, headings, photos and captions to guess what a reading is about. This is called making a prediction. Look at the title and the photo. What do you think the reading is about?


2 LEARN NEW WORDS. Look at the words below. What do you think they mean?


explore

green space

land

nature

Now find them in the reading. Has your idea about the meaning changed? Explain. Then listen and repeat.  1.11

3 While you read, look for words and phrases that support your prediction.  1.12

4 Make Predictions **Check your prediction.** Look at your prediction from Activity 1. Were you correct? What surprised you in this reading?

5 Look at the sentences. Choose *T* for *true* or *F* for *false*.

1. London is now a national park city.

T F

2. London has 13,000 parks.

T F

3. London has a lot of green spaces.

T F

4. Every resident of London can walk to a green space in two minutes.

T F

5. Daniel wants people to spend more time outdoors.

T F

6 Discuss in groups.

1. How often do you visit green spaces? What do you do there?

2. Do you think making your city a national park city is a good idea? Why or why not?

3. Imagine that you can make changes in your city. Which places would you like to protect and which would you like to change? How would you like to change them? Explain your answers.