

Practice with your Skype Buddy

Below are the words and phrases covered in the materials. You will now have a chance to practise them with your Skype Buddy. Read each question before you meet your buddy. Make a quick plan for each topic question. Try to use the new words you have learnt.

Warm-Up Questions (Short answers)

- What do you do?
- Why are you studying English?
- Where do you live? What is it like?
- What do you do in your free time?

Environment Questions (Long answers – speak for 2 to 3 minutes)

Buddy A should answer all the questions before Buddy B has their turn.

Try to use these words when you answer the questions:

biodegradable packaging contaminated water deforestation fossil fuels organic pesticides extinct
 overfishing disposal of industrial waste reusable products energy efficient lightbulbs
 car exhaust fumes sewage climate change poaching

- Tell me about some of the environmental problems that are affecting countries these days?

Speaking	Listening
Draw a mind map before you start speaking	Write your partner's main ideas.
	Ask if there was anything you didn't understand. Tell your partner (summarise) the points you heard.



- What are the main environmental problems in your country?

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- Why should people be concerned about the environment?

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- What can individuals do to protect the environment?

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- What can governments do to protect the environment?

Speaking	Listening
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	Ask if there was anything you didn't understand. Tell your partner (summarise) the points you heard.

- Think of a question about the environment to ask your partner.
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Role Play

Buddy A: You think it is best to only eat organic food.

Buddy B: You like to eat anything that tastes good. Argue with your Buddy.

Reflection

Discuss how you thought your meeting went with your partner.

- Which questions did you find difficult?
- Did you manage to use all the vocabulary and speaking skills that you planned to use?
- What do you need to improve?

Arrange your next meeting.

