

## The natural world

### 1 Underline the most suitable word or phrase.

- 1 The fields were flooded after the river burst its banks / edges / sides.
- 2 After the rain the street was full of floods / lakes / puddles.
- 3 During the storm, the climbers sheltered in a cave / cliff / valley.
- 4 A small river / stream / torrent runs across the bottom of our garden.
- 5 It was difficult to swim because the waters / waves / tides were so high.
- 6 From the peak / summit / top of the hill you can see the sea.
- 7 You must carry a lot of water when you cross the desert / plain / sand.
- 8 In the middle of the square there is an old fountain / source / tap.
- 9 I think it's going to rain. It's very clouded / clouding / cloudy.
- 10 The church caught fire when it was struck by hurricane / lightning / thunder.

### 2 Complete each sentence (1–10) with a suitable ending (a–j). Use each ending once.

- 1 A large green snake .....
  - 2 A small brown duck .....
  - 3 A large black and yellow wasp .....
  - 4 A shiny green crab .....
  - 5 An enormous black spider .....
  - 6 A bright green frog .....
  - 7 A black and white puppy .....
  - 8 A herd of cattle .....
  - 9 A dirty black lamb .....
  - 10 A small ginger kitten .....
- a was spinning its web across the window.
  - b was plodding across the field, mooing loudly.
  - c was buzzing around the jar of honey on the table.
  - d was sitting on a branch and miaowing.
  - e was slithering across the floor towards me.
  - f was sitting on a leaf and croaking.
  - g was following the flock, baaing softly.
  - h was swimming on the pond and quacking loudly.
  - i was barking furiously outside the gate.
  - j was pinching Fiona's toe as she stood on the seashore.



## FIRST CERTIFICATE LANGUAGE PRACTICE

3 Complete each sentence with a word from the box. Use each word once only.

forest	leaves	plant	seeds	trunk
lawn	peel	roots	stone	twig

- We cut down the tree but then we had to dig up its roots.
- The road goes through a beautiful pine .....
- When Tom was eating a cherry, he accidentally swallowed the .....
- In autumn, these paths are covered in fallen .....
- Who is going to cut the ..... while I am away?
- We bought Diana a beautiful indoor ..... for her birthday.
- A tree fell, and its massive ..... blocked the road.
- Harry buys ..... and grows all his own vegetables.
- The bird was carrying a ..... to build its nest.
- Some people like eating orange .....

4 Choose the most suitable word or phrase to complete each sentence.

- The dog ..... its tail furiously when it saw the children.  
A shook                      B wagged                      C moved                      D rubbed
- A large ..... of the tree broke off in the storm.  
A trunk                      B bark                      C twig                      D branch
- There was field after field of golden ..... waving in the wind.  
A corn                      B bushes                      C grass                      D herbs
- Before railways were built, many goods were carried on .....  
A channels                      B water                      C canals                      D river
- The children enjoyed rolling down the grassy .....  
A mountain                      B cliff                      C stone                      D slope
- What kind of ..... is your dog?  
A breed                      B race                      C mark                      D family
- Some wild animals will become ..... if they get used to people.  
A peaceful                      B tame                      C organized                      D petty
- There's a ..... of blackbirds at the bottom of the garden.  
A house                      B home                      C cage                      D nest
- Many people are interested in watching .....  
A wildlife                      B wilds                      C wilderness                      D wildly
- You have to sleep under a net to avoid being bitten by .....  
A lobsters                      B geese                      C cockroaches                      D mosquitoes



**5 Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line.**

*A pet parrot*

From early (1) ~~childhood~~..... Jane had always wanted a pet parrot. CHILD  
 Her parents told her that a parrot was an (2) ..... pet, but SUIT  
 Jane insisted. She was worried about the (3) ..... of the DESTROY  
 rainforests where parrots live, and she felt that parrots needed more  
 (4) ..... . Her father argued that a parrot would suffer from PROTECT  
 (5) ..... if it lived in a house. He also explained that pet LONELY  
 parrots are caught by (6) ..... , who need money and don't HUNT  
 care about protecting species. 'They catch the parrots and send them  
 to Europe in (7) ..... boxes,' he told her. 'And in any case, WOOD  
 parrots are very (8) ..... and don't make good pets.' Jane soon OBEY  
 made an interesting (9) ..... , however. She found a pet shop DISCOVER  
 which bred parrots instead of importing them. So she took all her  
 (10) ..... and bought a tiny parrot, which she called 'Pixie'. SAVE

**6 Complete the compound word in each sentence with a word from the box. Use each word once only.**

forecast	hive	house	side	top
fountain	hole	mower	skin	trap

- There were so many mice we had to buy a mouse ~~trap~~..... .
- Paula was cutting the grass with an electric lawn .....
- There's a drinking ..... on the other side of the park.
- What's the weather ..... for tomorrow?
- The hill ..... was covered in beautiful wild flowers.
- You can see the mountain ..... among the clouds in the distance.
- At the end of the field was a large stone farm .....
- We collect honey from our own bee .....
- There's a rabbit ..... in the corner of this field.
- Martin was wearing imitation snake ..... boots.

**7 Complete each sentence with one suitable word.**

- I think this fruit juice has gone ~~off~~..... . It smells funny.
- Mind ..... ! Our cat has very sharp claws!
- I keep my dog on a lead, but I let it ..... in the park.
- I like the idea of camping, but I am put ..... by the insects.
- Our dog never got used ..... sleeping in its kennel.
- I don't think I want to find ..... whether that bull has sharp horns!
- My puppy managed to tear ..... three of my school books.
- I've taken ..... going for long walks in the countryside.



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8 Decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

### Choosing a pet

If you decide to buy a pet, you should (1) ..... out as much as possible about the pet you (2) ..... Cats are easy to (3) ..... after and seem to be (4) ..... , but also need the company of people. If your cat finds someone who (5) ..... for it more than you do, it will change owners! A small puppy may look like a (6) ..... pet, but don't forget that it will (7) ..... up. You may not be able to (8) ..... up with a very large dog that is too big for its (9) ..... and which (10) ..... on sleeping on your bed! Unless you (11) ..... it, it may attack people, or (12) ..... loudly day and night. Nobody loves a (13) ..... pet. Perhaps this is why so many people (14) ..... in for birds or fish as pets. Whatever you decide in the (15) ..... , think carefully before you make a decision.

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|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 A go       | B look       | C find        | D take         |
| 2 A choose   | B decide     | C take        | D do           |
| 3 A run      | B change     | C find        | D look         |
| 4 A singular | B depended   | C independent | D single       |
| 5 A feeds    | B cares      | C looks       | D loves        |
| 6 A suited   | B suiting    | C suit        | D suitable     |
| 7 A grow     | B get        | C stand       | D buy          |
| 8 A stay     | B live       | C put         | D feed         |
| 9 A lodging  | B kennel     | C cupboard    | D box          |
| 10 A relies  | B insists    | C carries     | D concentrates |
| 11 A train   | B learn      | C lesson      | D educate      |
| 12 A wag     | B quack      | C moo         | D bark         |
| 13 A disobey | B disobeying | C disobedient | D disobeyed    |
| 14 A go      | B prefer     | C decide      | D take         |
| 15 A house   | B fact       | C first       | D end          |