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Thousands wait for foul smell of corpse flower

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241114-corpse-flower.html>

People who like foul-smelling flowers were in luck this week. They had a chance to see and smell the world's smelliest plant, called the corpse flower. A corpse is a dead body. The flower gets its name because it smells like rotting flesh. The bloom attracted thousands of visitors to the Geelong Botanic Garden, just south of Melbourne, Australia. The plant began blooming on Monday. More than five thousand people visited the garden to see it. Some people had to hold their nose when they were near the flower. Others coughed and held their breath because of the foul smell. Australia's Nine News channel reported that visitors described the smell as being like a dead mouse or rotting garbage.

The corpse flower is extremely rare. The plant is native to Indonesia. An international conservation group listed it as an endangered species. The group says there are only a few hundred of the plants left in the wild. A lot of the forest in which the plant grows has been cut down. Corporations are using the land to grow palm oil. The flower is one of the biggest in the world. It can grow to a height of three metres and live over 40 years. However, it blooms just once a decade and opens only for a day or two. The flower smells like the rotting flesh of a dead animal. This smell attracts beetles and flies. The insects pollinate the flower so it can bloom again.

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WARM-UPS

1. BAD SMELLS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about bad smells. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

foul smells / flowers / luck / visitors / gardens / holding one's nose / rotting garbage
rare / plant / conservation / endangered species / palm oil / beetles / flies / pollinate

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. FLOWERS: Students A **strongly** believe flowers are better than trees; Students B **strongly** believe trees are better. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SMELLS: What are the best and worst smells? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Best	Why	Worst	Why?
Flower				
Food				
Drink				
In the home				
In the city				
In nature				

5. GARDEN: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "garden". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. FLOWERS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Corpse flower
- Lotus
- Dandelion
- Rose
- Poppy
- Magnolia
- Orchid
- Daisy

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------------|--|
| 1. foul | a. To stop breathing for a short time (for a challenge, for a bad smell, for an X-ray.... |
| 2. rotting | b. Very bad or unpleasant (often used to describe a strong, bad smell). |
| 3. flesh | c. Made someone or something come closer. |
| 4. bloom | d. Slowly breaking down and becoming bad; often has a bad smell (like old food or a dead plant). |
| 5. attracted | e. A flower. |
| 6. hold one's nose | f. The soft parts of an animal or human body, not the bones. |
| 7. hold their breath | g. To close your nose with your fingers to avoid a bad smell. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 8. extremely | h. Very, very much. |
| 9. rare | i. To move pollen from one flower to another to help it grow seeds. |
| 10. native | j. Not often found or seen; uncommon. |
| 11. conservation | k. In nature, not in a place made by people, like a zoo or a garden. |
| 12. endangered | l. From a certain place; growing or living naturally in a certain area. |
| 13. in the wild | m. Protecting nature and animals so they are safe and don't disappear. |
| 14. pollinate | n. At risk of disappearing forever. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241114-corpse-flower.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. People who like bad-smelling flowers are lucky. **T / F**
2. The corpse flower is the world's smelliest flower. **T / F**
3. Fifteen thousand people waited to see the corpse flower. **T / F**
4. Someone said the corpse flower smelled like a dead mouse. **T / F**
5. There are thousands of corpse flowers growing in Indonesia. **T / F**
6. Forests where the corpse flower lives are being cut down for coconut oil. **T / F**
7. Corpse flowers can live for 40 years. **T / F**
8. The corpse flower attracts butterflies and dragonflies. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. foul | a. decaying |
| 2. chance | b. companies |
| 3. rotting | c. odour |
| 4. blooming | d. opportunity |
| 5. smell | e. threatened |
| 6. extremely | f. disgusting |
| 7. endangered | g. ten years |
| 8. corporations | h. flowering |
| 9. decade | i. lures |
| 10. attracts | j. very |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1. People who like foul- | a. rare |
| 2. The flower gets its name because it smells | b. of the foul smell |
| 3. The plant began | c. to grow palm oil |
| 4. held their breath because | d. garbage |
| 5. like a dead mouse or rotting | e. and flies |
| 6. The corpse flower is extremely | f. like rotting flesh |
| 7. an endangered | g. a decade |
| 8. Corporations are using the land | h. blooming on Monday |
| 9. it blooms just once | i. species |
| 10. This smell attracts beetles | j. smelling flowers |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241114-corpse-flower.html>

People who like foul-smelling flowers were in (1) _____ this week. They had a chance to see and smell the world's smelliest plant, called the corpse flower. A corpse is a (2) _____ body. The flower gets its name because it smells like rotting flesh. The (3) _____ attracted thousands of visitors to the Geelong Botanic Garden, just south of Melbourne, Australia. The plant (4) _____ blooming on Monday. More than five thousand people (5) _____ the garden to see it. Some people had to hold their (6) _____ when they were near the flower. Others (7) _____ and held their breath because of the foul smell. Australia's Nine News channel reported that visitors described the smell as being like a dead mouse or rotting (8) _____.

The corpse flower is extremely (9) _____. The plant is native to Indonesia. An international conservation group listed it as an endangered (10) _____. The group says there are only a few hundred of the plants left in the (11) _____. A lot of the forest in which the plant grows has been (12) _____ down. Corporations are using the land to grow palm oil. The flower is one of the biggest in the world. It can grow to a (13) _____ of three metres and live over 40 years. However, it blooms just once a (14) _____ and opens only for a day or two. The flower smells like the rotting flesh of a dead animal. This smell (15) _____ beetles and flies. The insects (16) _____ the flower so it can bloom again.

began
luck
garbage
visited
coughed
dead
bloom
nose

cut
species
attracts
height
pollinate
rare
wild
decade

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) People who like foul-smelling flowers were in _____
 - a. lack this week
 - b. luck this week
 - c. lick this week
 - d. lock this week
- 2) They had a chance to see and smell the _____
 - a. world's smallest plant
 - b. world's smell lest plant
 - c. world's smelliest plant
 - d. world's smell least plant
- 3) The flower gets its name because it smells _____
 - a. like rotting flesh
 - b. like rotting fresh
 - c. like rotting flash
 - d. like rotting flush
- 4) Some people had to hold their nose when they were _____
 - a. nears the flower
 - b. rear the flower
 - c. mere the flower
 - d. near the flower
- 5) reported that visitors described the smell as being like a dead mouse _____
 - a. of rotting garbage
 - b. or rotting garbage
 - c. ore rotting garbage
 - d. a rotting garbage
- 6) An international conservation group listed it as _____
 - a. an endangered specials
 - b. an endangered speeches
 - c. an endangered peaches
 - d. an endangered species
- 7) The group says there are only a few hundred of the plants left _____
 - a. in the wired
 - b. in a wild
 - c. on the wild
 - d. in the wild
- 8) Corporations are using the land to _____
 - a. grow hand oil
 - b. grow palm oil
 - c. grow thumb oil
 - d. grow back oil
- 9) a height of three metres and live over 40 years. However, it blooms just _____
 - a. once the decade
 - b. once add decade
 - c. once add arcade
 - d. once a decade
- 10) The insects pollinate the flower so it _____
 - a. can broom again
 - b. can gloom again
 - c. can bloom again
 - d. can groom again

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The corpse flower (7) _____. The plant is native to Indonesia. An international conservation group listed it as an endangered species. The group says there are only a few hundred of the plants left (8) _____. A lot of the forest in which the plant grows has been cut down. Corporations are using the land to (9) _____. The flower is one of the biggest in the world. It can grow to (10) _____ three metres and live over 40 years. However, it blooms just once a decade and opens only for a (11) _____. The flower smells like the rotting flesh of a dead animal. This smell attracts beetles and flies. The insects pollinate the flower so it (12) _____.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241114-corpse-flower.html>

1. Who does the article say was in luck?
2. In what kind of garden do people go to see the corpse flower?
3. How many people visited the garden?
4. What two things did people hold when they were near the flower?
5. What dead animal did someone say the flower smelled like?
6. Where does the corpse flower usually grow?
7. How many corpse plants are growing in the wild?
8. What is land being used for where corpse flowers used to grow?
9. For how long can a corpse flower grow?
10. What do beetles and flies do to the corpse flower?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241114-corpse-flower.html>

- 1) Who does the article say was in luck?
 - a) people who grow flowers
 - b) people who like foul-smelling flowers
 - c) workers in a botanic garden
 - d) people with green fingers
- 2) In what kind of garden do people go to see the corpse flower?
 - a) a flower garden
 - b) a rose garden
 - c) a botanic garden
 - d) a wild garden
- 3) How many people visited the garden?
 - a) fewer than five thousand
 - b) around five thousand
 - c) exactly five thousand
 - d) more than five thousand
- 4) What two things did people hold when they were near the flower?
 - a) their trowel and hose
 - b) their nose and breath
 - c) the handrail and their friend
 - d) two seeds of the corpse plant
- 5) What dead animal did someone say the flower smelled like?
 - a) a mouse
 - b) an elephant
 - c) a skunk
 - d) a stink bug
- 6) Where does the corpse flower usually grow?
 - a) Indonesia
 - b) Australia
 - c) Brazil
 - d) Madagascar
- 7) How many corpse plants are growing in the wild?
 - a) thousands
 - b) around 1,000
 - c) 852
 - d) a few hundred
- 8) What is land being used for where corpse flowers used to grow?
 - a) hotels
 - b) housing
 - c) palm oil
 - d) botanic gardens
- 9) For how long can a corpse flower grow?
 - a) 25 years
 - b) 30 years
 - c) 35 years
 - d) 40 years
- 10) What do beetles and flies do to the corpse flower?
 - a) eat it
 - b) pollinate it
 - c) nest in it
 - d) bathe in it

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Corpse Flowers

You think corpse flowers are the best flowers. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their flowers. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): lotus flowers, roses or dandelions.

Role B – Lotus Flowers

You think lotus flowers are the best flowers. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their flowers. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why):: corpse flowers, roses or dandelions.

Role C – Roses

You think roses are the best flowers. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their flowers. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why):: lotus flowers, corpse flowers or dandelions.

Role D – Dandelions

You think dandelions are the best flowers. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their flowers. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why):: lotus flowers, roses or corpse flowers.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241114-corpse-flower.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'smell' and 'flower'.

smell	flower

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• luck• name• attracted• began• held• mouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• native• few• cut• biggest• three• flies
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BAD SMELLS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241114-corpse-flower.html>

Write five GOOD questions about bad smells in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

BAD SMELLS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'smell'?
3. What are the worst smells in the world?
4. What do you think of a foul-smelling flower?
5. When was the last time you were in luck?
6. What are your favourite flowers?
7. Would you like to smell the corpse flower?
8. What do you think of botanic gardens?
9. When was the last time you held your breath?
10. Would you like to study botany and be a botanist?

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BAD SMELLS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'flower'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What are the sweetest-smelling flowers?
15. What can we do to help the corpse flower survive?
16. What do you think of deforestation?
17. What do you think of gardens?
18. What are the world's most interesting flowers?
19. What do you know about pollination?
20. What questions would you like to ask an expert on the corpse flower?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) on | (b) in | (c) down | (d) up |
| 2. | (a) deathly | (b) death | (c) deadly | (d) dead |
| 3. | (a) on | (b) of | (c) at | (d) to |
| 4. | (a) to | (b) at | (c) of | (d) on |
| 5. | (a) hold | (b) grip | (c) grasp | (d) clutch |
| 6. | (a) as | (b) is | (c) was | (d) has |
| 7. | (a) raw | (b) roar | (c) rarity | (d) rare |
| 8. | (a) endangered | (b) dangerous | (c) danger | (d) engendered |
| 9. | (a) at | (b) in | (c) on | (d) to |
| 10. | (a) high | (b) highly | (c) height | (d) heighten |
| 11. | (a) openings | (b) opener | (c) opens | (d) open |
| 12. | (a) pollination | (b) pollinate | (c) pollinates | (d) pollen |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241114-corpse-flower.html>

Paragraph 1

1. the world's lestlsemi plant
2. it smells like rotting ehlsf
3. The bloom tttcardae thousands of visitors
4. Others eghoudc and held their breath
5. Australia's Nine News cnnahle
6. like a dead mouse or rotting raggbea

Paragraph 2

7. The corpse flower is emteylxre rare
8. an endangered cpisese
9. oorinoscatrp are using the land
10. it blooms just once a eeccdad
11. This smell trctasa beetles and flies
12. The insects elliaotpn the flower

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241114-corpse-flower.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- (**1**) People who like foul-smelling flowers were in luck this week. They had a chance to see and smell the world's smelliest
- () that visitors described the smell as being like a dead mouse or rotting garbage.
- () group listed it as an endangered species. The group says there are only a few hundred of the plants left in the
- () of three metres and live over 40 years. However, it blooms just once a decade and
- () plant, called the corpse flower. A corpse is a dead body. The flower gets its name because it smells
- () to see it. Some people had to hold their nose when they were near the flower. Others coughed
- () using the land to grow palm oil. The flower is one of the biggest in the world. It can grow to a height
- () and held their breath because of the foul smell. Australia's Nine News channel reported
- () attracts beetles and flies. The insects pollinate the flower so it can bloom again.
- () wild. A lot of the forest in which the plant grows has been cut down. Corporations are
- () like rotting flesh. The bloom attracted thousands of visitors to the Geelong Botanic Garden, just south
- () The corpse flower is extremely rare. The plant is native to Indonesia. An international conservation
- () of Melbourne, Australia. The plant began blooming on Monday. More than five thousand people visited the garden
- () opens only for a day or two. The flower smells like the rotting flesh of a dead animal. This smell

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241114-corpse-flower.html>

1. luck . foul-smelling flowers People who were like in
2. smell smelliest See and world's plant . the
3. five the garden . than visited people More thousand
4. to hold people had nose . their Some
5. held Other breath . their and people coughed
6. international An conservation it listed as group endangered .
7. a plants the hundred left . few Only of
8. which forest in The the grows . plant
9. flesh dead animal . the Like of a rotting
10. the Insects flower bloom . can it so pollinate

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241114-corpse-flower.html>

People who like foul-smelling flowers were in *lucky / luck* this week. They had a *chance / change* to see and smell the world's smelliest plant, called the corpse flower. A corpse is a *death / dead* body. The flower gets its name because *they / it* smells like rotting flesh. The bloom attracted thousands of *of / to* visitors to the Geelong Botanic Garden, just south *of / on* Melbourne, Australia. The plant began *bloomed / blooming* on Monday. More than five thousand people visited the garden to see it. Some people had to *hold / grip* their nose when they were near the flower. Others coughed and held their *breath / breathe* because of the foul smell. Australia's Nine News channel reported that visitors described the smell as *being / been* like a dead mouse or rotting garbage.

The corpse flower is *extreme / extremely* rare. The plant is native to Indonesia. An international *conversation / conservation* group listed it as an endangered species. The group says there are only a *few / two* hundred of the plants left *in / on* the wild. A lot of the forest in which the plant grows has been cut *down / off*. Corporations are using the land to *grow / glow* palm oil. The flower is one of the biggest in the world. It can *growth / grow* to a height of three metres and live over 40 years. However, it blooms just once a decade and *opening / opens* only for a day or two. The flower smells like the rotting *fresh / flesh* of a dead animal. This smell attracts beetles and flies. The insects *pollinate / pollen* the flower so it can bloom again.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241114-corpse-flower.html>

P__pl_ wh_ l_k_ f__l-sm_ll_ng fl_w_rs w_r_ _n l_ck
th_s w__k. Th_y h_d _ ch_nc_ t_ s__ _nd sm_ll th_
w_rld's sm_ll__st pl_nt, c_ll_d th_ c_rps_ fl_w_r. _
c_rps_ _s _ d__d b_dy. Th_ fl_w_r g_ts _ts n_m_
b_c__s_ _t sm_lls l_k_ r_tt_ng fl_sh. Th_ bl__m
_ttr_ct_d th__s_nds _f v_s_t_rs t_ th_ G__l_ng B_t_n_c
G_rd_n, j_st s__th _f M_lb__rn_, __str_l__. Th_ pl_nt
b_g_n bl__m_ng _n M_nd_y. M_r_ th_n f_v_ th__s_nd
p__pl_ v_s_t_d th_ g_rd_n t_ s__ _t. S_m_ p__pl_
h_d t_ h_ld th__r n_s_ wh_n th_y w_r_ n__r th_
fl_w_r. _th_rs c__gh_d _nd h_ld th__r br__th b_c__s_
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r_p_rt_d th_t v_s_t_rs d_scr_b_d th_ sm_ll _s b__ng
l_k_ _ d__d m__s_ _r r_tt_ng g_rb_g_.

Th_ c_rps_ fl_w_r _s _xtr_m_ly r_r_. Th_ pl_nt _s
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241114-corpse-flower.html>

people who like foulsmelling flowers were in luck this week they had a chance to see and smell the worlds smelliest plant called the corpse flower a corpse is a dead body the flower gets its name because it smells like rotting flesh the bloom attracted thousands of visitors to the geelong botanic garden just south of melbourne australia the plant began blooming on monday more than five thousand people visited the garden to see it some people had to hold their nose when they were near the flower others coughed and held their breath because of the foul smell australia's nine news channel reported that visitors described the smell as being like a dead mouse or rotting garbage

the corpse flower is extremely rare the plant is native to indonesia an international conservation group listed it as an endangered species the group says there are only a few hundred of the plants left in the wild a lot of the forest in which the plant grows has been cut down corporations are using the land to grow palm oil the flower is one of the biggest in the world it can grow to a height of three metres and live over 40 years however it blooms just once a decade and opens only for a day or two the flower smells like the rotting flesh of a dead animal this smell attracts beetles and flies the insects pollinate the flower so it can bloom again

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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People who like foul-smelling flowers were in luck this week. They had a chance to see and smell the world's smelliest plant, called the corpse flower. A corpse is a dead body. The flower gets its name because it smells like rotting flesh. The bloom attracted thousands of visitors to the Geelong Botanic Garden, just south of Melbourne, Australia. The plant began blooming on Monday. More than five thousand people visited the garden to see it. Some people had to hold their nose when they were near the flower. Others coughed and held their breath because of the foul smell. Australia's Nine News channel reported that visitors described the smell as being like a dead mouse or rotting garbage. The corpse flower is extremely rare. The plant is native to Indonesia. An international conservation group listed it as a near endangered species. The group says there are only a few hundred of the plants left in the wild. A lot of the forest in which the plant grows has been cut down. Corporations are using the land to grow palm oil. The flower is one of the biggest in the world. It can grow to a height of three metres and live over 40 years. However, it blooms just once a decade and opens only for a day or two. The flower smells like the rotting flesh of a dead animal. This smell attracts beetles and flies. The insects pollinate the flowers so it can bloom again.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. BAD SMELLS: Make a poster about bad smells. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. BOTANIC GARDENS: Write a magazine article about every city creating a botanic garden. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on bad smells. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your experiences of bad smells. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. d 3. f 4. e 5. c 6. g 7. a
8. h 9. j 10. l 11. m 12. n 13. k 14. i

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 T 3 F 4 T 5 F 6 F 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. d	3. a	4. h	5. c
6. j	7. e	8. b	9. g	10. i

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. People who like foul-smelling flowers
2. A botanic garden
3. More than five thousand
4. Their nose and breath
5. A mouse
6. Indonesia
7. A few hundred
8. Palm oil
9. 40 years
10. Pollinate it

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. People who like foul-smelling flowers were in luck.
2. See and smell the world's smelliest plant.
3. More than five thousand people visited the garden.
4. Some people had to hold their nose.
5. Other people coughed and held their breath.
6. An international conservation group listed it as endangered.
7. Only a few hundred of the plants left.
8. The forest in which the plant grows.
9. Like the rotting flesh of a dead animal.
10. Insects pollinate the flower so it can bloom.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. c 3. d 4. b 5. a 6. a 7. d 8. c 9. d 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)