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## Level 3

# Plan to return the wolf to Scotland

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# THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150718-the-wild.html>

A group of green charities called Rewilding Britain wants to return a large area of Scotland to how it was a thousand years ago. The group wants forests and lost animals, birds and fish to return. One of the animals the group aims to put back into the wild is the wolf. This died out in Britain in 1680 after hunters and farmers killed them all. Other species that could return to Scottish mountains, rivers and seas include the lynx (a wild cat), beavers, bison, sea eagles, bluefin tuna and grey whales. The charities want the government to return one-twentieth of the country to its natural state. The area it wants is the United Kingdom's cleanest region. It hopes much of this can happen by the year 2030.

Not everyone thinks the reintroduction of animals like the wolf and lynx is a good idea. Farmers are worried it would cause them many problems. A farmer's group said it was a crazy idea to bring back predators to the country because they would start killing farm animals. They also say that dams built by beavers would increase the risk of flooding farmland, while sea eagles kill lambs. Rewilding Britain spokeswoman Rebecca Wrigley said: "Re-wilding is really for everyone who cares about our future." She added: "Our ecosystems need us." Ms Wrigley said it was important to re-wild Britain for, "native forests to regenerate" and to give "the seas a chance to recover from industrial fishing".

Sources: [http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/13420727.Rewilding\\_Scotland\\_\\_green\\_and\\_public\\_bodies\\_unite\\_to\\_bring\\_back\\_wolves\\_\\_lynx\\_and\\_sturgeon/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/13420727.Rewilding_Scotland__green_and_public_bodies_unite_to_bring_back_wolves__lynx_and_sturgeon/)  
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# WARM-UPS

**1. THE COUNTRYSIDE:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the countryside. 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?

*green / charities / forests / the wild / hunters / mountains / whales / natural / 2030 / animals / problems / predators / flooding / farmland / our future / ecosystems / fishing*

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

**3. A THOUSAND YEARS AGO:** How were things better or worse? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Better	Worse
The countryside		
Family life		
Education		
Entertainment		
Society		
Hobbies		

**4. RE-WILDING:** Students A **strongly** believe re-wilding is a great idea; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. FARMERS PROBLEMS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest problems for farmers at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- global warming
- pests
- wild animals
- taxes
- overseas competition
- price of land
- water
- government rules

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

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150718-the-wild.html>

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

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| a. A green charity wants the whole of Scotland to return to the wild. | T / F |
| b. The last wolf in Scotland died in 1860.                            | T / F |
| c. The charity wants to see the return of whales to Scottish seas.    | T / F |
| d. The charity wants to see a lot of its wishes in place by 2030.     | T / F |
| e. Farmers are very happy about a possible return to the wild.        | T / F |
| f. Beavers are a potential danger to farms.                           | T / F |
| g. A charity spokeswoman said our ecosystems needed us.               | T / F |
| h. The charity said seas have recovered from industrial fishing.      | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |             |                   |
|-------------|-------------------|
| 1. return   | a. such as        |
| 2. aims     | b. condition      |
| 3. died out | c. is concerned   |
| 4. state    | d. plans          |
| 5. region   | e. heighten       |
| 6. like     | f. area           |
| 7. worried  | g. restore        |
| 8. increase | h. opportunity    |
| 9. cares    | i. concerned      |
| 10. chance  | j. became extinct |

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

- |                                     |                             |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. a large                          | a. forests                  |
| 2. This died                        | b. twentieth of the country |
| 3. Other species                    | c. us                       |
| 4. return one-                      | d. area of Scotland         |
| 5. It hopes much of this can happen | e. that could return        |
| 6. it was a crazy idea to bring     | f. from industrial fishing  |
| 7. increase the risk of flooding    | g. out in Britain in 1680   |
| 8. Our ecosystems need              | h. farmland                 |
| 9. native                           | i. by the year 2030         |
| 10. a chance to recover             | j. back predators           |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150718-the-wild.html>

A group of green charities called Rewilding Britain wants to return a large (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of Scotland to how it was a thousand years ago. The group wants forests and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ animals, birds and fish to return. One of the animals the group (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to put back into the wild is the wolf. This died out in Britain in 1680 after (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and farmers killed them all. Other (5) \_\_\_\_\_ that could return to Scottish mountains, rivers and seas (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the lynx (a wild cat), beavers, bison, sea eagles, bluefin tuna and grey whales. The charities want the government to return one-(7) \_\_\_\_\_ of the country to its natural state. The area it wants is the United Kingdom's cleanest region. It hopes (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of this can happen by the year 2030.

*lost*  
*species*  
*aims*  
*twentieth*  
*area*  
*much*  
*hunters*  
*include*

Not (9) \_\_\_\_\_ thinks the reintroduction of animals like the wolf and lynx is a good idea. Farmers are worried it would (10) \_\_\_\_\_ them many problems. A farmer's group said it was a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ idea to bring back predators to the country because they would start killing farm animals. They also say that dams (12) \_\_\_\_\_ by beavers would increase the risk of (13) \_\_\_\_\_ farmland, while sea eagles kill lambs. Rewilding Britain spokeswoman Rebecca Wrigley said: "Re-wilding is really for everyone who (14) \_\_\_\_\_ about our future." She added: "Our ecosystems need us." Ms Wrigley said it was important to re-wild Britain for, "(15) \_\_\_\_\_ forests to regenerate" and to give "the seas a chance to recover from (16) \_\_\_\_\_ fishing".

*crazy*  
*everyone*  
*flooding*  
*native*  
*cause*  
*industrial*  
*built*  
*cares*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150718-the-wild.html>

- 1) return a large area of Scotland to how it was a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. thousands of years ago
  - b. thousand by years ago
  - c. thousand year ago
  - d. thousand years ago
- 2) One of the animals the group aims to put back into the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. wild this the wolf
  - b. wild is a wolf
  - c. wild is the wolf
  - d. wild this a wolf
- 3) The charities want the government to return one-twentieth of the country \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to its naturalised state
  - b. to its natural state
  - c. to its naturally state
  - d. to its naturals state
- 4) The area it wants is the United Kingdom's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. cleanest region
  - b. cleanest regions
  - c. cleanest regional
  - d. cleanest regionally
- 5) It hopes much of this can happen \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. by the year 2030
  - b. in the year 2030
  - c. at the year 2030
  - d. for the year 2030
- 6) Not everyone thinks the reintroduction of animals like the wolf and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. lynx is the great idea
  - b. lynx is a good idea
  - c. lynx is such a good idea
  - d. lynx is a great idea
- 7) Farmers are worried it would cause \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. them any problems
  - b. them many problems
  - c. them many problem
  - d. there many problems
- 8) They also say that dams built by beavers would increase the risk \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. for flooding farmland
  - b. of flood in farmland
  - c. of flooding farmland
  - d. for flood in farmland
- 9) Re-wilding is really for everyone who \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. cares about your future
  - b. cares about our future
  - c. care about our future
  - d. cares about our futures
- 10) regenerate and give the seas a chance to recover \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. from industrial fish in
  - b. from industrial fishing in
  - c. from industry all fishing
  - d. from industrial fishing

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150718-the-wild.html>

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ charities called Rewilding Britain wants to return a large area of Scotland (2) \_\_\_\_\_ thousand years ago. The group wants forests and lost animals, birds and fish to return. One of the animals (3) \_\_\_\_\_ put back into the wild is the wolf. This died out in Britain in 1680 after hunters and farmers killed them all. Other (4) \_\_\_\_\_ return to Scottish mountains, rivers and seas include the lynx (a wild cat), beavers, bison, sea eagles, bluefin tuna and grey whales. The charities want the government to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the country to its natural state. The area it wants is the United Kingdom's cleanest region. It hopes much of this can happen (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Not everyone thinks the reintroduction (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the wolf and lynx is a good idea. Farmers are worried it would cause them many problems. A farmer's group said it was a crazy (8) \_\_\_\_\_ predators to the country because they would start killing farm animals. They also say that dams built by beavers would (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of flooding farmland, while sea eagles kill lambs. Rewilding Britain spokeswoman Rebecca Wrigley said: "Re-wilding (10) \_\_\_\_\_ who cares about our future." She added: "Our (11) \_\_\_\_\_." Ms Wrigley said it was important to re-wild Britain for, "native forests to regenerate" and to give "the seas a (12) \_\_\_\_\_ from industrial fishing".

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150718-the-wild.html>

1. What is the name of the charity mentioned in the article?

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2. When did the wolf die out in Britain?

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3. What kind of whales does the charity want to see again in Scotland?

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4. What fraction does the charity want the country to become wild again?

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5. When does the charity hope it can achieve its aims by?

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6. Who is worried about problems caused by a return to the wild?

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7. What animal would be a risk to farmland flooding?

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8. What did a charity spokeswoman say needed us?

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9. What did the spokeswoman say needed to regenerate?

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10. What did the spokeswoman say seas needed to recover from?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150718-the-wild.html>

1. What is the name of the charity mentioned in the article?
  - a) Britain Wild
  - b) Back to the Wolf
  - c) The Wolf Returns
  - d) Rewilding Britain
2. When did the wolf die out in Britain?
  - a) 1608
  - b) 1680
  - c) 1860
  - d) 1806
3. What kind of whales does the charity want to see again in Scotland?
  - a) killer
  - b) blue
  - c) grey
  - d) minke
4. What fraction does the charity want the country to become wild again?
  - a) one-twentieth
  - b) seven-eighths
  - c) three-quarters
  - d) two-thirds
5. When does the charity hope it can achieve its aims by?
  - a) 2023
  - b) 3020
  - c) 2030
  - d) 3002
6. Who is worried about problems caused by a return to the wild?
  - a) zoos
  - b) farmers
  - c) charity workers
  - d) governments
7. What animal would be a risk to farmland flooding?
  - a) wild boars
  - b) the lynx
  - c) wolves
  - d) beavers
8. What did a charity spokeswoman say needed us?
  - a) our ecosystems
  - b) whales
  - c) wolves
  - d) sea eagles
9. What did the spokeswoman say needed to regenerate?
  - a) charities
  - b) wolves
  - c) native forests
  - d) ecosystems
10. What did the spokeswoman say seas needed to recover from?
  - a) pollution
  - b) industrial fishing
  - c) global warming
  - d) acid rain

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150718-the-wild.html>

## **Role A – Global warming**

You think global warming is the biggest problem for farmers. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so bad. Also, tell the others which is the least problematic of these (and why): pests, taxes or water.

## **Role B – Pests**

You think pests are the biggest problem for farmers. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so bad. Also, tell the others which is the least problematic of these (and why): global warming, taxes or water.

## **Role C – Taxes**

You think taxes are the biggest problem for farmers. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so bad. Also, tell the others which is the least problematic of these (and why): pests, global warming or water.

## **Role D – Water**

You think water is the biggest problem for farmers. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so bad. Also, tell the others which is the least problematic of these (and why): pests, taxes or global warming.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150718-the-wild.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'country' and 'side'.

<b>country</b>	<b>side</b>
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- 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"><li>• green</li><li>• lost</li><li>• died</li><li>• species</li><li>• state</li><li>• hopes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• idea</li><li>• crazy</li><li>• start</li><li>• risk</li><li>• future</li><li>• recover</li></ul>
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# THE COUNTRYSIDE SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150718-the-wild.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the countryside 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.

# THE COUNTRYSIDE DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'wild'?
- 3) How much of your country is still wild?
- 4) Do you like the wild areas of your country?
- 5) Have any wild animals in your country disappeared?
- 6) Should all countries start letting large areas go wild again?
- 7) Is it important for wild animals to be free in the countryside?
- 8) What do you think of the idea of bringing back native animals?
- 9) Do you prefer towns and cities or the countryside?
- 10) What do you think of the idea of re-wilding?

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# THE COUNTRYSIDE DISCUSSION

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

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) Is it a good idea to re-introduce wolves to the countryside?
- 13) What problems might there be for farmers?
- 14) The animals are no longer there because people killed them all. How bad is that?
- 15) How would you like to change the countryside of your country?
- 16) How important is re-wilding for the future?
- 17) What will the world be like if we keep destroying nature?
- 18) Should we stop building towns in the countryside?
- 19) What advice do you have for farmers who don't like this idea?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask the charity?

# 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

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150718-the-wild.html>

A group of green charities called Rewilding Britain wants to return a large area of Scotland to how it was a thousand years (1) \_\_\_\_\_. The group wants forests and lost animals, birds and fish to return. One of the animals the group (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to put back into the wild is the wolf. This died (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in Britain in 1680 after hunters and farmers killed them all. Other species that could return to Scottish mountains, rivers and seas (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the lynx (a wild cat), beavers, bison, sea eagles, bluefin tuna and grey whales. The charities want the government to return one-(5) \_\_\_\_\_ of the country to its natural state. The area it wants is the United Kingdom's cleanest region. It hopes (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of this can happen by the year 2030.

Not everyone thinks the reintroduction of animals like the wolf and lynx is a good idea. Farmers are worried it would (7) \_\_\_\_\_ them many problems. A farmer's group said it was a crazy idea to bring back predators to the country because they would start killing farm animals. They also say that dams (8) \_\_\_\_\_ by beavers would increase the risk (9) \_\_\_\_\_ flooding farmland, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ sea eagles kill lambs. Rewilding Britain spokeswoman Rebecca Wrigley said: "Re-wilding is really for everyone who cares about our future." She (11) \_\_\_\_\_: "Our ecosystems need us." Ms Wrigley said it was important to re-wild Britain for, "native forests to regenerate" and to give "the seas a chance (12) \_\_\_\_\_ recover from industrial fishing".

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

- |     |                |                |              |                |
|-----|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) hence      | (b) ago        | (c) passed   | (d) before     |
| 2.  | (a) aiming     | (b) aims       | (c) aim      | (d) aimed      |
| 3.  | (a) on         | (b) in         | (c) up       | (d) out        |
| 4.  | (a) inclusive  | (b) include    | (c) includes | (d) including  |
| 5.  | (a) twentieths | (b) twenties   | (c) twenty   | (d) twentieth  |
| 6.  | (a) many       | (b) more       | (c) much     | (d) any        |
| 7.  | (a) cause      | (b) create     | (c) make     | (d) do         |
| 8.  | (a) build      | (b) builders   | (c) built    | (d) building   |
| 9.  | (a) on         | (b) to         | (c) at       | (d) of         |
| 10. | (a) while      | (b) so         | (c) then     | (d) and        |
| 11. | (a) added      | (b) subtracted | (c) divided  | (d) multiplied |
| 12. | (a) to         | (b) for        | (c) by       | (d) at         |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. A group of green isercitha
2. how it was a ntoadush years ago
3. Other scepsei that could return
4. soitmunan, rivers and seas
5. one-nhittteew of the country
6. the United Kingdom's cleanest rongei

## Paragraph 2

7. Farmers are oriedwr
8. bring back dtpaorser
9. the risk of ilngdofo farmland
10. Our sytsecmeo need us
11. atinve forests
12. cerrevo from industrial fishing



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150718-the-wild.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) whales. The charities want the government to return one-twentieth of the country to its natural state. The area
- ( ) back predators to the country because they would start killing farm animals. They also say that dams built by
- ( ) the lynx (a wild cat), beavers, bison, sea eagles, bluefin tuna and grey
- ( ) regenerate" and to give "the seas a chance to recover from industrial fishing".
- ( ) spokeswoman Rebecca Wrigley said: "Re-wilding is really for everyone who cares about our future." She added:
- ( ) Not everyone thinks the reintroduction of animals like the wolf and lynx is a good idea. Farmers are
- ( ) animals the group aims to put back into the wild is the wolf. This died out in Britain in 1680 after hunters
- ( ) and farmers killed them all. Other species that could return to Scottish mountains, rivers and seas include
- ( ) "Our ecosystems need us." Ms Wrigley said it was important to re-wild Britain for, "native forests to
- ( ) worried it would cause them many problems. A farmer's group said it was a crazy idea to bring
- ( **1** ) A group of green charities called Rewilding Britain wants to return a large area of Scotland to how it
- ( ) beavers would increase the risk of flooding farmland, while sea eagles kill lambs. Rewilding Britain
- ( ) was a thousand years ago. The group wants forests and lost animals, birds and fish to return. One of the
- ( ) it wants is the United Kingdom's cleanest region. It hopes much of this can happen by the year 2030.

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150718-the-wild.html>

1. it a of how Return area to was large Scotland .

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2. the wild Animals the group aims to put back into .

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3. in Britain in out died This them killed hunters after 1680 .

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4. state natural its to country the of twentieth - one Return .

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5. happen can this of much hopes It 2030 year the by .

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6. are would many Farmers it them worried cause problems .

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7. group was idea farmer's it crazy A said a .

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8. risk Dams beavers the flooding by increase of built would .

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9. Re our who really - future cares for wilding about everyone is .

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10. seas a chance to recover from industrial fishing Give the .

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150718-the-wild.html>

A group of *green / yellow* charities called Rewilding Britain wants to return a large *areas / area* of Scotland to how it was a thousand years *ago / before*. The group wants forests and lost animals, birds and fish *to / for* return. One of the animals the group aims to put back into the *wind / wild* is the wolf. This died out in Britain in 1680 after hunters and farmers killed them *all / every*. Other *spaces / species* that could return to Scottish mountains, rivers and seas *including / include* the lynx (a wild cat), beavers, bison, sea eagles, bluefin tuna and grey whales. The charities want the government to return one-twentieth of the country to its *natural / naturally* state. The area it wants is the United Kingdom's cleanest region. It hopes much of this can happen *up / by* the year 2030.

Not everyone *thanks / thinks* the reintroduction of animals like the wolf and lynx is a good idea. Farmers are worried it would *create / cause* them many problems. A farmer's group said it was a crazy idea to bring back *predates / predators* to the country because they would *start / started* killing farm animals. They also say that dams built by beavers would increase the *risky / risk* of flooding farmland, *while / whale* sea eagles kill lambs. Rewilding Britain spokeswoman Rebecca Wrigley said: "Re-wilding is *real / really* for everyone who *cares / cures* about our future." She added: "Our ecosystems need us." Ms Wrigley said it was *important / importance* to re-wild Britain for, "native forests to regenerate" and to give "the seas a chance to recover from *industry / industrial* fishing".

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

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

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# 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 the Rewilding Britain charity. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. THE COUNTRYSIDE:** Make a poster about the countryside. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. RE-WILDING:** Write a magazine article about the returning the countryside to as it was 1,000 years ago. 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 the countryside. Ask him/her three questions about the countryside. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make it better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b F    c T    d T    e F    f T    g T    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |             |                   |
|-------------|-------------------|
| 1. return   | a. restore        |
| 2. aims     | b. plans          |
| 3. died out | c. became extinct |
| 4. state    | d. condition      |
| 5. region   | e. area           |
| 6. like     | f. such as        |
| 7. worried  | g. concerned      |
| 8. increase | h. heighten       |
| 9. cares    | i. is concerned   |
| 10. chance  | j. opportunity    |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Rewilding Britain
2. 1680
3. Grey whales
4. One-twentieth
5. 2030
6. Farmers
7. Beavers
8. Our ecosystems
9. Native forests
10. Industrial fishing

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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