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Level 3 – 5th May, 2022

Gardeners urged not to cut the grass

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220505-cutting-the-grass.html>

A charity in the U.K. is urging people not to cut the grass in their garden. When spring arrives, many gardeners mow their lawn. The call to not do this is part of a project called "No Mow May". It is to help flowers grow wild and insects breed. No Mow May is a campaign to promote biodiversity. It is from the charity Plantlife. The charity is also asking people to count the types and number of wild flowers in their garden. Plantlife says leaving the grass uncut creates a habitat that will help "our bees, butterflies, wildlife and us". Bees are an essential part of nature as they pollinate flowers. Cutting the grass means there are fewer flowers for bees to work their natural magic.

A spokesperson for Plantlife said garden lawns have the potential to be "biodiversity hotspots". Last year, the charity found over 250 species of plants on people's lawns. These included wild strawberry and wild garlic. Plantlife wants people to value wild lawns more. It said people would get a nice, colourful surprise if they did not cut their grass. One gardener spoke to the BBC about the joy of wild gardens. He said people care too much about having a neat garden and use too many chemicals. He believes not mowing the lawn lets people "reconnect with the natural world". Plantlife agreed. It said a wild garden "makes you feel like you're somewhere tropical instead of your own garden".

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-61264905>
<https://www.cambridgeindependent.co.uk/news/no-mow-may-county-council-joins-in-biodiversity-initiative-9252289/>
<https://nomowmay.plantlife.org.uk/what-is-no-mow-may/>

WARM-UPS

1. GRASS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about grass. 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?

charity / cut the grass / garden / gardener / flowers / biodiversity / bees / butterflies / plants / strawberry / garlic / surprise / neat / chemicals / the natural world / tropical

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

3. CUT LAWNS: Students A **strongly** believe that cut lawns should be banned to encourage greater biodiversity; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. WILDLIFE: What do you know about these creatures below? How important are they? What do they do for the environment? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	Importance	What They Do
Bees			
Butterflies			
Humans			
Worms			
Ants			
Ladybird (UK) / Ladybug (USA)			

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

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

- Garden lawn
- Tennis court
- Soccer pitch
- Golf course green
- Children's park
- Meadow
- Food production
- Paper production

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| 1. charity | a. An organization that helps people and raises money for those in need. |
| 2. mow | b. Totally necessary; extremely important. |
| 3. breed | c. Cut grass with a machine. |
| 4. promote | d. The natural home or environment of an animal, plant, or other organism. |
| 5. habitat | e. When animals get together to make babies. |
| 6. essential | f. Support or actively encourage a cause or project. |
| 7. pollinate | g. Take pollen from plant to plant to help them grow. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. potential | h. Happiness. |
| 9. biodiversity | i. The importance or usefulness of something. |
| 10. species | j. Having or showing the capacity to develop into something in the future. |
| 11. value | k. Arranged or put in a tidy way; in good order. |
| 12. joy | l. The variety of plant and animal life in the world or in a particular place. |
| 13. neat | m. Very hot and humid. |
| 14. tropical | n. A group of living things that are similar and can have babies together. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220505-cutting-the-grass.html>

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

1. A charity in the U.K. has banned people from cutting their grass. **T / F**
2. There is a campaign in the U.K. called "May Not Mow". **T / F**
3. A campaign in the U.K. is trying to promote biodiversity. **T / F**
4. A charity said not cutting the grass helps us. **T / F**
5. A charity said spots in the U.K. are too hot for biodiversity. **T / F**
6. Every garden in the U.K. has more than 250 plant species in it. **T / F**
7. A gardener said people are too concerned with neat gardens. **T / F**
8. Many wild gardens in the U.K. are tropical. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1. urging | a. reproduce |
| 2. mow | b. happiness |
| 3. breed | c. important |
| 4. habitat | d. cut |
| 5. essential | e. appreciate |
| 6. potential | f. very hot |
| 7. value | g. encouraging |
| 8. joy | h. tidy |
| 9. neat | i. ability |
| 10. tropical | j. natural environment |

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

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. When spring arrives, many | a. species of plants |
| 2. It is to help flowers grow wild and insects | b. natural magic |
| 3. a campaign to promote | c. biodiversity hotspots |
| 4. help our bees, butterflies, wildlife | d. with the natural world |
| 5. fewer flowers for bees to work their | e. breed |
| 6. garden lawns have the potential to be | f. and us |
| 7. the charity found over 250 | g. tropical |
| 8. people care too much about having a | h. gardeners mow their lawn |
| 9. reconnect | i. neat garden |
| 10. feel like you're somewhere | j. biodiversity |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220505-cutting-the-grass.html>

A charity in the U.K. is (1) _____ people not to cut the grass in their garden. When spring arrives, many gardeners (2) _____ their lawn. The call to not do this is part of a (3) _____ called "No Mow May". It is to help flowers grow wild and insects (4) _____. No Mow May is a campaign to promote biodiversity. It is from the charity Plantlife. The charity is also asking people to count the (5) _____ and number of wild flowers in their garden. Plantlife says leaving the grass uncut creates a (6) _____ that will help "our bees, butterflies, wildlife and us". Bees are an (7) _____ part of nature as they pollinate flowers. Cutting the grass means there are fewer flowers for bees to work their (8) _____ magic.

mow
types
essential
urging
breed
natural
habitat
project

A spokesperson for Plantlife said garden lawns have the (9) _____ to be "biodiversity hotspots". Last year, the charity found over 250 (10) _____ of plants on people's lawns. These included wild strawberry and wild garlic. Plantlife wants people to (11) _____ wild lawns more. It said people would get a (12) _____, colourful surprise if they did not cut their grass. One gardener spoke to the BBC about the (13) _____ of wild gardens. He said people care too much about having a (14) _____ garden and use too many chemicals. He believes not mowing the lawn lets people "(15) _____ with the natural world". Plantlife agreed. It said a wild garden "makes you feel like you're somewhere tropical (16) _____ of your own garden".

value
neat
potential
joy
species
instead
nice
reconnect

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220505-cutting-the-grass.html>

- 1) A charity in the U.K. is urging people not to cut the grass _____
 - a. on their garden
 - b. at their garden
 - c. in their garden
 - d. sin their garden
- 2) It is to help flowers grow wild _____
 - a. and insects bleed
 - b. and insects breed
 - c. and insects brood
 - d. and insects braid
- 3) No Mow May is a campaign _____
 - a. to pro note biodiversity
 - b. to prom moat biodiversity
 - c. to pro moat biodiversity
 - d. to promote biodiversity
- 4) a habitat that will help our bees, butterflies, _____
 - a. wildlife and use
 - b. wildlife and dust
 - c. wildlife and us
 - d. wildlife end dust
- 5) Cutting the grass means there are fewer flowers for bees to work _____
 - a. their natural magician
 - b. their natural magic
 - c. their natural magical
 - d. their nature all magic
- 6) Plantlife said garden lawns have the potential to _____
 - a. be biodiversity hots pots
 - b. be biodiversity hot pots
 - c. be biodiversity hots spots
 - d. be biodiversity hotspots
- 7) Last year, the charity found over 250 _____
 - a. specials of plants
 - b. species of plants
 - c. species off plants
 - d. specials off plants
- 8) people would get a nice, colourful surprise if they did not _____
 - a. cut a grass
 - b. cut their grass
 - c. cut there grass
 - d. cut they're grass
- 9) He said people care too much about having a neat garden and use _____
 - a. too many chemicals
 - b. too more chemicals
 - c. too most chemicals
 - d. too much chemicals
- 10) It said a wild garden makes you feel like _____
 - a. you're somewhere topical
 - b. you're somewhere tropical
 - c. you're somewhere tropics
 - d. you're somewhere tropic all

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220505-cutting-the-grass.html>

A charity in the U.K. is (1) _____ to cut the grass in their garden. When spring arrives, many gardeners mow their lawn. The call to not do this is part (2) _____ called "No Mow May". It is to help flowers grow wild (3) _____. No Mow May is a campaign to promote biodiversity. It is from the charity Plantlife. The charity is also asking people to count the types and number of wild flowers in their garden. Plantlife says leaving the grass uncut (4) _____ that will help "our bees, butterflies, wildlife and us". Bees are an (5) _____ nature as they pollinate flowers. Cutting the grass means there are (6) _____ bees to work their natural magic.

A spokesperson for Plantlife said garden lawns (7) _____ to be "biodiversity hotspots". Last year, the charity found over 250 species of plants on people's lawns. These included wild strawberry (8) _____. Plantlife wants people to value wild lawns more. It said people would get a nice, colourful surprise if they did not cut their grass. One gardener spoke to the BBC about (9) _____ wild gardens. He said people care too much about (10) _____ garden and use too many chemicals. He believes not mowing the lawn lets people "(11) _____ natural world". Plantlife agreed. It said a wild garden "makes you feel like you're somewhere (12) _____ your own garden".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220505-cutting-the-grass.html>

1. When do gardeners in the U.K. mow their lawns?
2. What is the name of the campaign to stop people cutting their grass?
3. What does the charity say it wants its campaign to promote?
4. Who does uncut lawns help besides bees, butterflies and wildlife?
5. What does the article say bees work?
6. What did Plantlife say lawns have the potential to be?
7. How many species of plants can there be on our lawns?
8. What did Plantlife say people could get if they did not cut their grass?
9. What did a gardener say people put too much of on lawns?
10. Where did Plantlife say a wild garden can make you feel you are?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220505-cutting-the-grass.html>

- 1) When do gardeners in the U.K. mow their lawns?
 - a) in the mornings
 - b) when spring arrives
 - c) after it rains
 - d) on May the 10th
- 2) What is the name of the campaign to stop people cutting their grass?
 - a) Mow No May
 - b) No May Mow
 - c) Mow May Now
 - d) No Mow May
- 3) What does the charity say it wants its campaign to promote?
 - a) biodiversity
 - b) greenness
 - c) perfect lawns
 - d) gardening
- 4) Who does uncut lawns help besides bees, butterflies and wildlife?
 - a) gardeners
 - b) park visitors
 - c) us
 - d) soccer players
- 5) What does the article say bees work?
 - a) their legs
 - b) their magic
 - c) making honey
 - d) making pollen
- 6) What did Plantlife say lawns have the potential to be?
 - a) biodiversity hotspots
 - b) green
 - c) picnic spots
 - d) places to relax
- 7) How many species of plants can there be on our lawns?
 - a) 350
 - b) 240
 - c) 250
 - d) 800
- 8) What did Plantlife say people could get if they did not cut their grass?
 - a) a nice surprise
 - b) insect bites
 - c) angry neighbours
 - d) stressed
- 9) What did a gardener say people put too much of on lawns?
 - a) chemicals
 - b) water
 - c) love and attention
 - d) garden furniture
- 10) Where did Plantlife say a wild garden can make you feel you are?
 - a) in heaven
 - b) in a jungle
 - c) in a botanical garden
 - d) somewhere tropical

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220505-cutting-the-grass.html>

Role A – Garden Lawns

You think garden lawns are the best use of grass. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their uses aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): tennis courts, food production or children's parks.

Role B – Tennis Courts

You think tennis courts are the best use of grass. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their uses aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): garden lawns, food production or children's parks.

Role C – Food Production

You think food production is the best use of grass. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their uses aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): tennis courts, garden lawns or children's parks.

Role D – Children's Parks

You think children's parks are the best use of grass. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their uses aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): tennis courts, food production or garden lawns.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220505-cutting-the-grass.html>

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

garden	grass
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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">• arrives• part• promote• types• habitat• magic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• potential• included• joy• neat• reconnect• tropical
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GRASS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220505-cutting-the-grass.html>

Write five GOOD questions about grass 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.

GRASS 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 'garden'?
3. How important are gardens?
4. What should gardens look like?
5. Is a cut lawn or a wild lawn best?
6. How important is grass in a garden?
7. What gardens do you see every day?
8. What do you think of the No Mow May project?
9. What 'natural magic' do bees perform?
10. What advice do you have for gardeners?

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GRASS 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 'grass'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How can gardens be 'biodiversity hotspots'?
15. What are the benefits of neatly cut lawns?
16. How do you connect with nature?
17. Why do people use chemicals on gardens?
18. Should we study gardening at school?
19. What wildlife is there in your garden?
20. What questions would you like to ask gardeners?

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 <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220505-cutting-the-grass.html>

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A spokesperson for Plantlife said garden lawns have the potential (7) _____ be "biodiversity hotspots". Last year, the charity found over 250 (8) _____ of plants on people's lawns. These included wild strawberry and wild garlic. Plantlife wants people to (9) _____ wild lawns more. It said people would get a nice, colourful surprise if they did not cut their grass. One gardener spoke to the BBC about the (10) _____ of wild gardens. He said people care too much about having a neat garden and use too (11) _____ chemicals. He believes not mowing the lawn lets people "reconnect with the natural world". Plantlife agreed. It said a wild garden "makes you feel like you're somewhere (12) _____ instead of your own garden".

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) urging | (b) urgent | (c) urges | (d) urge |
| 2. | (a) mown | (b) mower | (c) mow | (d) mowing |
| 3. | (a) bleed | (b) braid | (c) breed | (d) broad |
| 4. | (a) tips | (b) thyme | (c) times | (d) types |
| 5. | (a) us | (b) we | (c) them | (d) they |
| 6. | (a) lack | (b) fewer | (c) plenty | (d) less |
| 7. | (a) by | (b) at | (c) for | (d) to |
| 8. | (a) specials | (b) species | (c) spaces | (d) specialize |
| 9. | (a) wealth | (b) worth | (c) value | (d) reckon |
| 10. | (a) toy | (b) soy | (c) boy | (d) joy |
| 11. | (a) most | (b) much | (c) more | (d) many |
| 12. | (a) equator | (b) tropical | (c) hemisphere | (d) polar |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. A hatircy in the U.K.
2. help flowers grow wild and insects erbde
3. a campaign to tprmoeo biodiversity
4. Bees are an etaisslne part
5. they nopilelta flowers
6. bees to work their untlraa magic

Paragraph 2

7. garden lawns have the tlaotepin
8. These ndulcied wild strawberry
9. over 250 esspice of plants
10. a nice, colourful rpisrseu
11. use too many scealimch
12. feel like you're somewhere aolprtic

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220505-cutting-the-grass.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () help flowers grow wild and insects breed. No Mow May is a campaign to promote biodiversity. It is from the
- () of wild flowers in their garden. Plantlife says leaving the grass uncut creates a habitat that will help "our bees,
- () arrives, many gardeners mow their lawn. The call to not do this is part of a project called "No Mow May". It is to
- () surprise if they did not cut their grass. One gardener spoke to the BBC about the joy
- () butterflies, wildlife and us". Bees are an essential part of nature as they pollinate flowers. Cutting
- () chemicals. He believes not mowing the lawn lets people "reconnect with the natural world". Plantlife
- () agreed. It said a wild garden "makes you feel like you're somewhere tropical instead of your own garden".
- () A spokesperson for Plantlife said garden lawns have the potential to be "biodiversity
- () and wild garlic. Plantlife wants people to value wild lawns more. It said people would get a nice, colourful
- () charity Plantlife. The charity is also asking people to count the types and number
- () hotspots". Last year, the charity found over 250 species of plants on people's lawns. These included wild strawberry
- (**1**) A charity in the U.K. is urging people not to cut the grass in their garden. When spring
- () of wild gardens. He said people care too much about having a neat garden and use too many
- () the grass means there are fewer flowers for bees to work their natural magic.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220505-cutting-the-grass.html>

1. grass . to people not the It's cut urging
2. help It wild . grow flowers is to
3. the types flowers . Count wild of and number
4. grass uncut a creates habitat . Leaving the
5. there flowers . grass fewer are Cutting means the
6. biodiversity hotspots . the Lawns potential to have be
7. plants . species found over The charity 250 of
8. wild wants value people to lawns more . Plantlife
9. too about neat care much having gardens . People
10. It tropical . somewhere you feel makes like you're

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220505-cutting-the-grass.html>

A charity in the U.K. is urging people not to cut the grass in *there / their* garden. When spring arrives, many gardeners *mow / mown* their lawn. The call to not do this is *partner / part* of a project called "No Mow May". It is to help flowers grow *wild / wildly* and insects breed. No Mow May is a campaign to *promote / demote* biodiversity. It is from the charity Plantlife. The charity is also asking people to *country / count* the types and number of wild flowers in their garden. Plantlife says leaving the grass uncut creates a *habit / habitat* that will help "our bees, butterflies, wildlife and *us / we*". Bees are an essential part of *nature / natural* as they pollinate flowers. Cutting the grass means there are fewer flowers for bees to *work / effort* their natural magic.

A spokesperson for Plantlife said garden lawns have the *possible / potential* to be "biodiversity hotspots". Last year, the charity *found / fund* over 250 species of plants on *people / people's* lawns. These included wild strawberry and wild garlic. Plantlife wants people to *valuable / value* wild lawns more. It said people would get a *nice / nicely*, colourful surprise if they did not cut their grass. One gardener spoke to the BBC about the joy *to / of* wild gardens. He said people care too much about *have / having* a neat garden and use too *many / much* chemicals. He believes not mowing the lawn lets people "reconnect with *all / the* natural world". Plantlife agreed. It said a wild garden "makes you feel like you're somewhere tropical instead *on / of* your own garden".

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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_ ch_r_ty _n th_ _K. _s _rg_ng p__pl_ n_t t_ c_t
th_ gr_ss _n th__r g_rdn. Wh_n spr_ng _rr_v_s, m_ny
g_rdn_rs m_w th__r l_wn. Th_ c_ll t_ n_t d_ th_s _s
p_rt _f _ pr_j_ct c_ll_d "N_ M_w M_y". _t _s t_ h_lp
fl_w_rs gr_w w_ld _nd _ns_cts br__d. N_ M_w M_y _s
_ c_mp__gn t_ pr_m_t_ b__d_v_rs_ty. _t _s fr_m th_
ch_r_ty Pl_ntl_f_. Th_ ch_r_ty _s _ls_ _sk_ng p__pl_
t_ c__nt th_ typ_s _nd n_mb_r _f w_ld fl_w_rs _n
th__r g_rdn. Pl_ntl_f_ s_ys l__v_ng th_ gr_ss _nc_t
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b_tt_rfl__s, w_ldl_f_ _nd _s". B__s _r_ _n _ss_nt__l
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_ sp_k_sp_rs_n f_r Pl_ntl_f_ s__d g_rdn l_wns h_v_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220505-cutting-the-grass.html>

a charity in the uk is urging people not to cut the grass in their garden when spring arrives many gardeners mow their lawn the call to not do this is part of a project called no mow may it is to help flowers grow wild and insects breed no mow may is a campaign to promote biodiversity it is from the charity plantlife the charity is also asking people to count the types and number of wild flowers in their garden plantlife says leaving the grass uncut creates a habitat that will help our bees butterflies wildlife and us bees are an essential part of nature as they pollinate flowers cutting the grass means there are fewer flowers for bees to work their natural magic

a spokesperson for plantlife said garden lawns have the potential to be biodiversity hotspots last year the charity found over 250 species of plants on peoples lawns these included wild strawberry and wild garlic plantlife wants people to value wild lawns more it said people would get a nice colourful surprise if they did not cut their grass one gardener spoke to the bbc about the joy of wild gardens he said people care too much about having a neat garden and use too many chemicals he believes not mowing the lawn lets people reconnect with the natural world plantlife agreed it said a wild garden makes you feel like youre somewhere tropical instead of your own garden

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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A charity in the U.K. is urging people not to cut the grass in their garden. When spring arrives, many gardeners mow their lawn. The call to not do this is part of a project called "No Mow May". It is to help flowers grow wild and insects breed. No Mow May is a campaign to promote biodiversity. It is from the charity Plantlife. The charity is also asking people to count the types and number of wildflowers in their garden. Plantlife says leaving the grass uncut creates a habitat that will help "our bees, butterflies, wildlife and us". Bees are an essential part of nature as they pollinate flowers. Cutting the grass means there are fewer flowers for bees to work their natural magic. A spokesperson for Plantlife said garden lawns have the potential to be "biodiversity hotspots". Last year, the charity found over 250 species of plants on people's lawns. These included wild strawberry and wild garlic. Plantlife wants people to value wild lawns more. It said people would get a nice, colourful surprise if they did not cut their grass. One gardener spoke to the BBC about the joy of wild gardens. He said people care too much about having a neat garden and use too many chemicals. He believes not mowing the lawn lets people "reconnect with the natural world". Plantlife agreed. It said a wild garden "makes you feel like you're somewhere tropical instead of your own garden".

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. GRASS: Make a poster about grass. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. BIODIVERSITY: Write a magazine article about banning people from cutting grass to help biodiversity. 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 grass. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on cutting the grass. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. When spring arrives
2. No Mow May
3. Biodiversity
4. Us
5. Their magic
6. Biodiversity hotspots
7. 250
8. A nice surprise
9. Chemicals
10. Somewhere tropical

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. It's urging people not to cut the grass.
2. It is to help flowers grow wild.
3. Count the types and number of wild flowers.
4. Leaving the grass uncut creates a habitat.
5. Cutting the grass means there are fewer flowers.
6. Lawns have the potential to be biodiversity hotspots.
7. The charity found over 250 species of plants.
8. Plantlife wants people to value wild lawns more.
9. People care too much about having neat gardens.
10. It makes you feel like you're somewhere tropical.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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