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Level 2

Educators recommend more outdoor learning

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Researchers say children should be doing more learning outdoors. The researchers say children spend too much time sitting in classrooms to pass exams. They say outdoor learning is important for social skills, health and development. It also increases their quality of life. There have been five important reports that stress the need for students to learn outdoors and experience nature. The researchers say that schools are not taking the advice of these reports. Outdoor learning is on the decline. The researchers want to put outdoor learning on the curriculum of all schools.

The researchers say there are many benefits of outdoor learning for children. One advantage is that it builds confidence in children. They experience things that were normal for their parents, like climbing trees. It also makes children more aware of the environment and teaches them to respect nature. There are also health benefits. Children exercise more instead of sitting in classrooms or being at home with video games. Another benefit is that it helps with the problem of 'stranger danger'. Many children in the UK today grow up hearing about this.

Sources: <http://www.nurseryworld.co.uk/nursery-world/news/1158179/put-outdoor-learning-on-curriculum-policy-makers-urged>
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/2016/07/11/schools-should-hold-more-lessons-outdoors-despite-unpredictable/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. children spend too much time sitting | a. nature |
| 2. pass | b. on the decline |
| 3. It also increases their quality | c. exams |
| 4. stress the need for students to | d. curriculum |
| 5. experience | e. in classrooms |
| 6. schools are not taking the | f. of life |
| 7. Outdoor learning is | g. advice of these reports |
| 8. put outdoor learning on the | h. learn outdoors |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. there are many benefits | a. of the environment |
| 2. it builds | b. trees |
| 3. experience things that were normal | c. respect nature |
| 4. climbing | d. confidence in children |
| 5. makes children more aware | e. 'stranger danger' |
| 6. teaches them to | f. of outdoor learning |
| 7. it helps with the problem of | g. up hearing about this |
| 8. Many children in the UK today grow | h. for their parents |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Researchers say children should (1) _____ learning outdoors. The researchers say children spend too much time sitting in classrooms (2) _____. They say outdoor learning is important for social skills, health and development. It also increases their (3) _____. There have been five important reports that (4) _____ for students to learn outdoors and experience nature. The researchers say that schools are not (5) _____ of these reports. Outdoor learning is on the decline. The researchers want to put outdoor learning on (6) _____ all schools.

The researchers say there are (7) _____ outdoor learning for children. One advantage is that (8) _____ in children. They experience things that were normal for their parents, like (9) _____. It also makes children more aware of the environment and teaches them to (10) _____. There are also health benefits. Children exercise more instead of sitting in classrooms or being at home with video games. Another (11) _____ it helps with the problem of 'stranger danger'. Many children in the UK today (12) _____ about this.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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OUTDOOR LEARNING SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1607/160718-outdoor-learning-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about outdoor learning 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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

