

● **Can you describe the landscape of the place / region where you live / go to school?**

I live in a highland area / by a river. Coniferous / pine forests / rolling lowlands are typical for the region. There are farmlands / fields / meadows / plains / hills / (not) many woods / wooded areas... around / near the place where I live. Unfortunately, solar farms / factory chimneys / huge warehouses spoil the view. There isn't much nature round the place where I live, only a few parks / grass and patches of shrubs... Behind / Near the house / apartment block / place where I live is a pond / river / stream.

● **Do you think your country / the region where you live has a lot to offer to "nature-loving" tourists?**

The country / region has a very beautiful / diverse / picturesque... landscape. The country / region has a lot to offer, for example, sandstone rock towns / deep forests / ponds / rivers..., diverse / unique flora / fauna. Tourists can admire / visit... unique / amazing rock formations / caves... Some of the most beautiful spots / natural landmarks are... There are four / numerous national parks / natural preserves. The highlands / border areas are overflowing with / typically have forests / meadows. Unfortunately, the region doesn't have much to offer / is lacking any... This region would be of little interest to tourists because we don't have (any) forests / mountains.

● **Can you describe the vegetation around your home / school / city?**

There's a park with oak / birch / spruce... trees / a huge / mighty lime tree and a forest / wood right behind / in front of / near my / our house. There are mixed / broad / needle leaf forests, farm fields, orchards, vineyards, wheat / sunflower fields... (almost) everywhere / around the place where I live. A meadow / grass field / river... is right behind our house. There's almost no vegetation where I live, only houses / roads.

● **What are some wild animals / birds that live in your country / region?**

The country / region... is home to a variety of / many animals / birds..., such as beavers / weasels... / magpies / ducks. Some of the most common forest animals are deer / wild boars / (red) foxes... Mice / hares / partridges / pheasants... are common inhabitants of grasslands / fields... If you are lucky, you can come across / see a white / black stork / badger... Squirrels... live in city parks...

● **How should a person / you behave in forests / preserved areas? Why?**

We / I shouldn't make noise / shout because we / I could disturb the animals. Picking / digging /

stomping / stepping on plants / flowers can be harmful to rare species. Making / Starting fires is prohibited because forests can / could easily be set on fire / burn. We / I shouldn't touch dead / wounded / wild animals... because they could be infected / have rabies. You mustn't cut trees / hunt in forests unless allowed / if (it is) not permitted...

● **What weather can I expect in your country... in summer / winter?**

You can expect a warm / hot and humid summer with a lot of sunshine and a cold / mild to cool winter with temperatures below / just above zero, a lot of / no snow / rain. If you come in summer / winter..., don't expect... Summers are / can be quite / very hot / dry here. Springtime is rainy / cool... with changeable weather. Autumn / Fall is cold / wet and cloudy / grey. The weather is changeable / stable... at this time of the year. Of course, occasional hailstorms / snowstorms / tornadoes can happen / occur.

● **Is your country / region... often affected by natural disasters?**

The country / city where I live is often / rarely affected by floods / earthquakes. Hailstorms / snowstorms / wildfires... are quite common in summer / occur in some regions. Avalanches / Storms are rare / frequent in the south / in the mountains. There have been some (devastating) floods recently / in the past ten years. My village was hit by floods more than once / twice last year. Lightning has damaged the townhall.

● **What are some things you (can) do to help preserve the environment?**

I do quite a lot / a bit for the environment... / I am quite a green person... / I am a bit lazy about it, but I would really like to do more / help more often. I (can) help / protect the environment in a number of ways – I can use public transport instead of private / leave my car at home. I recycle (only) / don't recycle, because... If I can choose between two products, I pick the one with the least packaging. Drinking tap water instead of bottled water is a good way to produce less trash.

● **Should animals be kept in zoos? What do you think?**

Zoos are important / useless. Zoos are of little / great importance... nowadays. Some endangered / rare animal species would die out / become extinct if people didn't take care of / breed / help them reproduce. If we / people were more sensitive to nature / didn't kill wild animals... we wouldn't have to keep them in zoos. I am against zoos. I dislike / don't like when animals are kept in cages.