

A Walk Through the Wetlands: Everyday Dialogues [A2]

Le passeggiate nella natura permettono di imparare un nuovo vocabolario sulle meraviglie che si incontrano: castori, uccelli e altri animali.

Joe: I'm glad you suggested this [walk](#). I feel more relaxed already Amber: Yes, there's nothing like a hike through nature to unwind. Joe: Look, there are [beavers](#) over there! Amber: Oh, they're adorable! Joe: And busy at work, building a [dam](#). What an amazing [sight](#). Amber: They reintroduced them recently, to [restore](#) the wetlands. Joe: Really? Were there not many left, then? Amber: No, they were [hunted](#) almost to extinction, for their [fur](#). Joe: Poor things! Well, I'm glad they're back. I wonder what other creatures we'll spot today. Amber: I think there are [deer](#) around here somewhere. Lots of birdlife, too. Joe: Cool! We'll have to keep looking up. Let's see if we can catch a glimpse of any birds. Amber: Haha, we'll make a birdwatcher out of you yet!

NOW LET'S REVIEW THE VOCABULARY!

Glad indicates a feeling of pleasure or happiness. You can also use 'pleased' or 'happy'. The idiom "There's nothing like..." is used to express [praise](#) for something, in this case, a [walk](#). A **hike** is a long [walk](#), usually in the countryside. **To unwind** is a synonym of 'to relax'. **Over there** is a short distance away. **A wetland** is an ecosystem where the land is saturated by water. **To be left** means to remain. **To wonder** indicates a desire to know something, in other words, to be curious about something. **To spot** means to see someone or something that you are looking for or that is hard to find. **Birdlife** refers to birds collectively, usually in a particular region. **To catch a glimpse** means 'to see (in this case, birds) [briefly](#)'. A **birdwatcher** observes birds out of scientific interest or just as a recreational activity. **We'll make a (something) out of you yet** is an idiomatic expression meaning the person can be transformed into something; **yet** in this context means '[eventually](#)'.

Glossary

- **beavers** = castori
- **dam** = diga
- **hunted** = cacciare
- **fur** = pelliccia
- **eventually**' = alla fine
- **walk** = passeggiata
- **sight** = vista
- **restore** = ripristinare
- **deer** = cervo
- **praise** = lode
- **briefly** = brevemente