Maturita Card: Nature and the Environment

Bridge

Vocabulary

Types of Landscape: hills / highlands / mountains / cliffs / rocks / valley / coast / sandy/pebble beach / lake / river / forest / field / meadow / farmland / jungle / rainforest / swamp / moor / desert / industrial area

Natural Attractions: national park / nature reserve / waterfall / gorge / canyon / mountain range / sandstone rocks / rock formations / cave / glacier / geyser / lagoon / hot spring / coral reef

Environmental Problems: climate change / greenhouse effect / air/water pollution / deforestation (cutting down trees) / drought / flood / forest fire / waste / litter / noise/light pollution / overpopulation / smog / traffic

Solutions: recycling / solar/wind power / green/alternative energy / hydroelectricity / saving energy / reducing consumption / using public transport / cycling / walking / drinking tap water instead of bottled water / buying local products / buying things with less packaging / using energy-efficient appliances / donating to/supporting charities

Verbs: to protect (the environment) / to reuse (plastic bags) / to reduce (pollution/waste) / to save (paper/water/energy) / to pollute (rivers/the air/the planet) / to plant (trees) / to switch off (lights) / to cut down on (emissions/fossil fuels) / to recycle (paper/plastic/glass/metal)

Adjectives: hilly / rocky / swampy / picturesque / protected / green / recycled / environmentally-friendly / eco-friendly / organic / toxic / non-toxic / low-energy / harmful / unharmful / industrial

Pair Discussion

Talk with your partner about some common environmental problems in your area and try to think of as many solutions as you can. One of you is an optimist and one of you is a pessimist. The optimist should talk about how the suggested solutions could help, and the pessimist should talk about why they might not work. Decide on the two best solutions, giving your reasons.

* You can find a sample dialogue on the April 2018 CD.

Language for Expressing Possibilities

We can... / Perhaps we could...

One way could be to... / We could try...

If we... It may help to...

The situation might get better if...

There is a chance that...

We might not/might not be able to...

It's likely/unlikely that...

I doubt that.../ It's possible that...

Personal Questions

- What is your favourite type of landscape and why?
- What are some of the natural attractions in your country?
- What types of environmental problems are there in your area?
- What do you do in your daily life to help the environment?

"I love... / I adore... / I'm really into... / My favourite landscape is... because I can hike there / I enjoy swimming / boating / cycling..."

"The most famous attractions are... / In my region there is a famous... / It is the highest mountain in the country / a cave with stalactites / an interesting rock formation / a big nature reserve with rare flowers and wildlife... / It is popular because it is very picturesque / there are great views / you can go climbing there... / I recommend visiting..."

"The main issue is... / The main problems are... / I see a lot of... / What is most common is..."

"I recycle... / I save... / I reuse... / I try to... / I have cut down on... / I walk/cycle/take public transport... / I don't buy... / I switch off... / I support..."

