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Part 1

(Audiotrack: QR-Code rechts /Aufgaben S. 1)

Harper: My job is a long distance from home, almost 50 miles away. I have to get up early every morning as I'm always in a rush. There's never enough time for a relaxed breakfast. At exactly 6am, I get into my car and start the long drive.

Maggie: Incredible! I could never get up that early. Usually my day starts at 7. I definitely need some tea and toast to wake up. I leave the house at about 8 o'clock. That gives me enough time to get to work by bike as it is only about one and a half miles from home.

Harper: Lucky you! I could not do without my car 'cause it is such a long way to work.

Maggie: Are the streets very busy in the early morning?

Harper: I usually like driving on the highway. During the morning rush hour though, it's not very enjoyable. The heavy traffic is a little bit annoying. So, I always listen to my favourite music in the car. That cheers me up a lot.

Maggie: That sounds nice. I miss listening to music when I ride my bike. But it would be far too dangerous even though I ride on cycle tracks through the park. How long does it take you to get to work?

Harper: The drive to work takes about one hour. Going back home in the evening after work takes even longer. Maybe around 70 minutes because the motorway is always jammed. Lately I've been thinking about trying to take the train to work instead of driving. That way I could still listen to my music with headphones and even read a novel at the same time.

Maggie: Good plan! I'm afraid for me a car is no real alternative to my bike as I don't have one. In fact, I could take the bus but it takes ages to get to my office.



Part 2

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Green tourism in London.

Welcome to one of the greatest cities on earth. Multicultural, full of life and visited by millions of people from all around the world and still counting. It is, of course, London.

Now, London is a big city and if you don't have too much time one of the greenest ways of travelling around the capital is to hire a bike.

The only thing you've got to do is put your credit card into a machine and pick up a code. Put in your number on the bike and away you go. But be careful! Make sure you use the cycle lanes and be aware of other cyclists and pedestrians.

One of the greatest things about being a green traveller is that you come across the most beautiful places and hidden corners where you escape the busy city life. Cycle along the canal right to the heart of Camden with its brilliant atmosphere. Camden has fantastic markets, shops and restaurants, great nightlife, great food and great people.

I'm here at Trafalgar Square which is really at the heart of Central London. You can reach almost every important site on foot.

To the one side you have the West End with all the theatres, clubs and bars. To the other side there is Buckingham Palace and Downing Street. And really, if you haven't been to Trafalgar Square you haven't been to London.



Part 3

(QR-Code rechts / Aufgabe S. 2)

Hannah: I have just read a very interesting article about the late Queen Elizabeth. There are loads of unusual facts about her that I didn't know.

John: Oh yeah? Like what?

Hannah: According to the Guinness Book of World Records she was the longest-serving monarch ever in Britain and had a few other world records. She also held the record for being the oldest British Queen and the world record for the most coins and notes showing her portrait. She was even mentioned for being the richest Queen in the world.

John: OK, well that's not really so surprising. She had a long time to save up her money.

Hannah: That's true. Did you know that Queen Elizabeth was a huge animal lover too? Her favourite dogs were Corgis. During her life she owned more than 30 of them.

John: That's a lot of dogs. Imagine how much dog food they must have had to get. Everyone knows that she was a fan of Corgis. But wasn't she also a lot into horses?

Hannah: Yes, she was. She kept a stable full of ponies and even racing horses. She didn't give up riding until the age of 96. But did you know that she also owned an elephant, two giant turtles and a jaguar?

John: No, that's surprising. Where did she keep them all? The palace must have been like a zoo.

Hannah: Well, they're all presents from other countries and they all live in London Zoo.

John: That makes sense. What else did you find out?

Hannah: OK, well did you know that she was the only person in the UK allowed to drive without a licence or travel without a passport?

John: No, I didn't know that. Why was that?

Hannah: Well, passports and driving licences were issued or given by the Queen so she didn't need to give herself one.

John: OK, that's quite interesting. I bet she didn't have to go to school either.

Hannah: The Queen was homeschooled. She studied history and law and could speak fluent French.

John: I bet that came in handy for those visits to France.



Part 4

(QR-Code rechts / Aufgabe S. 3)

What's the point of mosquitoes?

Isn't it remarkable how a creature so small can cause so much suffering? When we think about dangerous animals, snakes, tigers and sharks are usually what come to mind. We often don't consider tiny insects that can be crushed between two fingers as being threatening. But the mosquito is in fact the most dangerous creature on earth.

These ordinary-looking insects cause around 750.000 deaths a year and are the leading reason for many deadly diseases such as dengue, yellow fever and malaria. However, while we might wish them gone from the planet, mosquitoes serve a wider purpose than simply to make humans suffer.

That annoying high sound has ruined many summer evenings. But mosquitoes play a crucial role in maintaining the ecosystem. Their primary food source is, like that of bees, nectar, not blood.

It's only the females that bite us while they are hunting for food to develop their eggs. And it is our body's response to their spittle that causes that terrible itch. Mosquitoes are essential in helping many plants reproduce – from rare varieties of orchids to more common plant types.

In certain areas of the world, such as the Arctic, mosquitoes are the best way to transport pollen from one plant to the other. And there's more to mosquitoes. If they weren't around, our ecosystem would change entirely.

When just one species disappears, it almost always has an effect on the others. Mosquitoes are an essential part of the food chain. They're an important food source for many fish, reptiles and birds.

For example, mosquitoes make up a large part of the diet of certain fish species. And let's not forget the bats, frogs, dragonflies, birds and other fish that rely on mosquitoes as food, too. If mosquitoes were to disappear, the animals that eat them might stop living in or visiting certain areas.

So while we relax outdoors, thinking about how we'd like to get rid of mosquitoes once and for all, I'm afraid it's not that simple. There's much more to the tiny mosquito than itchy bites and ruined holidays. And, as it seems, they are here to stay. We'd better learn to live with them.



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