

Total English

Pre-intermediate

The Eden Project

1 You are going to use the internet to find out about a unique place for nature in Cornwall, UK. First of all click on www.edenproject.com, then answer the following questions.

- 1 Click on **About** at the top left of the homepage: click on **what's it about** and read the mission statement. How does the Eden Project communicate its story?
- 2 Click on **Eden news** - what items of news are shown today?
- 3 Now click on **future plans**: what do they need to make the third 'semi-arid Biome'?
- 4 Now click on **FAQs** - in response to what the Eden Project is about, what do they say?
- 5 How many plants are actually in the Eden Project?
- 6 What type of rainforest plants are in The Humid Tropics Biome?
- 7 Eden wants to make plant based issues interesting to the ordinary person - true or false?
- 8 How many visitors does the Eden Project get each year?

2 Now over to you to research! There are other areas of the website that we haven't looked at in the questions above: **Education, Foundation, Arts, Visiting, Children's** and **Store**. Read through these areas and find six more interesting facts about the Eden Project and make notes.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____

3 Compare your notes in pairs. Have you looked at similar areas?



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TEACHER'S NOTES:

Aim: to use the internet to further the theme of places. This worksheet is designed to be used in conjunction with unit 6.

Time: 40 minutes maximum

Materials: photocopies of the worksheet for each student.

- 1 Ask first of all if anyone has been to Cornwall? Where is it? Have they been to the Eden Project? Has anyone heard or read about it? Then direct students to the website and check that students arrive at the correct part of the site to find out the information. Check answers with the class.

Answers: 1 The Eden Project communicates its story in a 'Living Theatre of Plants and People'. 2 At the time of going to print The Eden Project has welcomed a decision by Cornwall County Council to give Eden a grant of £360,000 over three years./Live 8 Africa calling was hosted at the Eden Project on July 2nd 2005. 3 funding
4 It's about man's relationship with and dependence upon plants.
5 over 100,000 6 bananas, rubber, cocoa, coffee, teak and mahogany
7 true 8 Over one million

- 2 The students should now be interested in finding out more about the Eden project so encourage them to skim around the website and discover facts of interest. This exercise allows students the freedom to investigate a topic of interest.
- 4 At the end, encourage students to swap their information about the Eden project with their partner and to discuss their discoveries. Get feedback from the class.



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