

2.5 Reading for pleasure

Pollution

- 1 Look at the photo. What kind of pollution does it show? Circle the correct answer 1, 2, 3 or 4.



- 1 air pollution 3 water pollution
2 noise pollution 4 land pollution

- 2 Read an extract from a short story called *Chemical Secret*.

- 3 Put the extract summary in the correct order 1-7.

- ___ John arrives in David Wilson's office.
___ David Wilson reads the report.
___ John says he's worried about the effects of the waste products.
___ Wilson says he doesn't like the conclusions in the report.
1 John does experiments to find out the effects of the waste products on rats and writes a report.
___ Wilson says he doesn't want to build new machines to clean up the waste products.
___ John gets very nervous and drinks water.

The story so far

John Duncan starts working in a factory. A few months later, he writes a report for his boss, David Wilson. Wilson calls John into his office to talk to him.

The report

'I've read your report,' Wilson began. Then he stopped. 'Not very good, is it?'

'What?' John stared at him in surprise.

Wilson smiled. 'No, no, don't worry – I don't mean the report is bad, of course not. You've worked very hard, and done your job well. What I mean is, I don't like the ideas at the end of the report.'

'What's wrong with them?'

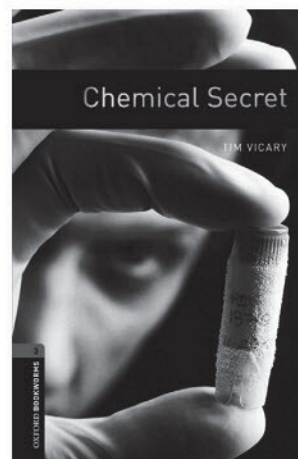
'They're too expensive.' The two men stared at each other for a moment, and John felt cold and sick in his stomach. Wilson smiled, but it wasn't the kind of smile that John liked.

'Look, John,' he said. 'Your report says that we should build some new machines to clean up the waste products before they go into the river, right? And those machines will cost *two million pounds!* Where do you think we can find all that? Money doesn't grow on trees, you know!'

'No, of course not.' John's mouth was dry. He took a drink of water, and felt his hand shaking. 'But we're selling a lot of new paint. We're making millions of pounds every month from that, aren't we?'

'We're doing very well, yes,' said Wilson. 'But if we spend two million pounds to build these new machines, the paint will have to cost more, and we won't sell so much.'

'But – we've got to do it,' said John. 'These waste products are much more dangerous than I'd thought. Didn't you read that in my report? When I put the chemicals in rats' drinking water, some of the baby rats were born without eyes and ears. One didn't have any legs, and one had six.' He shivered. 'And some were born without legs when they drank only two parts per million. We can't put those chemicals in the river.'



Text extract from *Oxford Bookworms Factfiles: Chemical Secret*

- 4 Think about the events in the story.

Why do you think David Wilson doesn't want to spend money on the machines? Is it possible this kind of water pollution could happen in your country? Why/Why not?

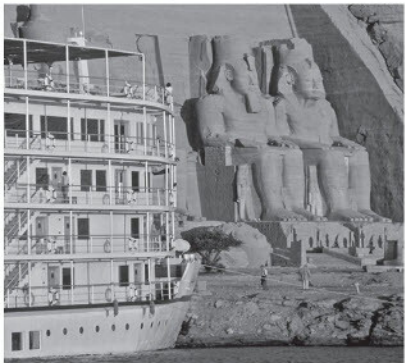
Review: Units 1 and 2

Grammar

- Complete the sentences with one word only.
 - She usually goes clubbing with some friends who love dancing.
 - I do exercise _____ or twice a week.
 - What _____ of car do you drive?
 - He's driving _____ the moment so he can't talk on the phone.
 - My parents go on a trip _____ month.
 - How _____ do you have a family meal?
- Choose the correct options to complete the advert.

Why not take a trip down the Nile?

¹Do you make / Are you making plans now for your next summer holiday? If you ²want / are wanting a trip with a difference, why not try a cruise down the River Nile? Our boat ³leaves / is leaving from Luxor every Monday morning and we ⁴don't arrive / aren't arriving at our first stop until the next day. The trip ⁵lasts / is lasting for seven nights and right now we ⁶offer / are offering a special price. Just think what the guests ⁷do / are doing right now! If you ⁸look / are looking for a little adventure in your life, a Nile cruise is the trip for you. You're sure to have a lot of fun!



Vocabulary

- Match definitions 1–8 to words and phrases in the box.

dishwasher do aerobics do housework
go out for a meal have a lie-in lively stall towel

- a thing you use to dry yourself _____ towel
- get up late _____
- a shop with an open front _____
- do exercise to music _____
- a machine that cleans plates, glasses, etc. _____
- very exciting _____
- clean the flat _____
- have dinner in a restaurant _____

- Complete the words in the text.

One of the largest cities in the world is Shanghai in China. The city is on the River Yangtze on the east coast and it's absolutely ¹huge – more than 23 million people live there. Houses are expensive because the city is so ²cr_____, and most people live in very small flats. There isn't much room inside, so families don't often ³st_____ in when they have free time. In the evenings, they go and sit outside: the adults on chairs and the children on a ⁴r_____. Here they play ⁵ch_____ together, tell stories or just ⁶ch_____ with their friends. In the summer, it's too hot to go to bed so nobody has an ⁷e_____ night.

- Match words from A to words from B to form phrases. Then complete the sentences with the phrases.

A have on on make take

B a dream holiday a photograph a promise
public transport time

- My neighbours aren't at home. They're on holiday.
- I can't get to work _____. I have to take my car.
- I often _____ about the house where I lived as a child.
- When you get married you have to _____ to look after your partner.
- You're always late. You're never _____.
- We can't show you our hotel because we didn't _____ of it.

Speaking

- Complete the conversations with the phrases in the box.

Go straight down I'm really +prefer it's five minutes' walk

- A What's your favourite season – summer or winter?
B I prefer summer to winter.
- A Please could you tell me how to get to the sports centre?
B Sure. _____ the road and turn left.
- A Is it far to the park?
B No, _____ from here.
- A Which sport do you like best?
B _____ into basketball.