

Read the texts and pay attention to the collocations in bold. Later you will be able to practice these words with Quizlet.

* From my room I look out over the **surrounding countryside.** It's very different from the **familiar landscape** I see from the windows at home. At home its a **gentle landscape** with **open fields.** Here it’s a **bleak landscape** with **rocky mountains** in the distance.
* Yesterday we **followed a path** down to the lake. As we **turned a corner,** we **caught a glimpse of** a kingfisher standing in the water. John tried to **take a picture** of it but it **caught sight of** us and flew off. A little further on we **rounded a bend** and St John's Abbey **came into** view. The Abbey fell into ruin about three hundred years ago. Although it lies in ruins, it is well worth seeing as it stands in a **dramatic setting** on a **steep slope** beside a **fast-flowing river** with **mountains towering** above it.
* The cottage is in some wonderful **unspoilt countryside** on the edge of a **dense forest.** Unfortunately thee trees **block the view** of the **snow-covered mountains.** It has a little garden with a stream at the end of it. The **stream winds** through the forest. They wanted to build a timber factory here but the local people said that it would **destroy the countryside** and, fortunately, their campaign to **protect the environment** succeeded.

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Ex.1 Look at A. Complete the collocations to fit these pictures



1 Near the lake there is an old house that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ruin about a hundred

years ago. It stands in a lovely landscape, surrounded by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fields.



2 We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a footpath along the river for about three kilometers. In the distance

there were snow- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mountains.



3 We walked through a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ forest; it was very dark among the trees.

Ex.2 Choose the correct collocation.

1. *We made / took / put a* lot of photographs because it was such a beautiful day.

2 As I *returned / turned* the corner I *made / caught / took* a glimpse of the house through the trees.

3 A long *sanded / sandy* beach *reached / ran / stretched* for miles in front of us.

4 Unfortunately, the new hotel *blocks / jams / stops the view* of the castle.

Ex.3 Replace the words in brackets in each sentence with one word, which collocates with the underlined word.

1 It’s a beautiful town and the countryside (which is all around it) is even more beautiful.

2 The tower (is the most important and visible thing on) the landscape. From the top of the tower, you get a new (which allows you to see a very wide stretch) of the surrounding area.

3 There are lovely beaches (with very few people on them).

4 We travelled through some scenery (which was extremely exciting and beautiful).

5 From the windows of our villa we had views (which were continuous, without any obstacles) of the lakes and mountains.

Ex.4 Fill in the gaps

*A house in the country*

The house is situated among beautiful (1)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ­­­­­­­­miles from the nearest village, surrounded by (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. On a (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a short distance from the house is a (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and a small (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ flows past the end of the garden, which also contains a small (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The name of the house, Rose Cottage, is on the garden (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, from which a (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ leads to the (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ door.

On the (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ floor there is a large (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_room, a dining room, a kitchen, and (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and toilet. (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ there are three bedrooms. There is also *a* garage next to the house. The village has a post (14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a small shop and a pub, and them Is a railway (15) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ three miles away.

1. A view

B scenery

C sights

D looks

1. A grass

B flats

C earth

D fields

1. A mountain

B peak

C hill

D summit

1. A wood

B greenery

C jungle

D forest

1. A river

B channel

C stream

D forest

1. A sea

B bath

C water

D pond

1. A gate

B door

C opening

D entrance

1. A road

B path

C way

D pavement

1. A forward

B front

C first

D further

1. A bottom

B back

C ground

D earth

1. A lounge

B seating

C saloon

D living

1. A bathroom

B bath

C basin

D washing

1. A Over

B Up

C Upstairs

D Higher

1. A shop

B center

C place

D office

15) A station

B stop

C post

D base

*Describe this picture in the slightest details using the vocabulary from this lesson*



Answer key

Ex.1

1. fell into, open
2. followed, covered
3. dense forest

Ex.2

1. took
2. turned, caught
3. sandy; stretched
4. blocks

Ex.3

1. surrounding countryside
2. dominates the landscape, panoramic view
3. secluded beaches
4. breathtaking scenery
5. uninterrupted views

Ex.4

1. B

2. D

3. C

4. A

5. C

6. D

7. A

8. B

9. B

10. C

11. D

12. A

13. C

14. D

15. A