



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 it's 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 the 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 there is a railway (15) _____ three miles away.

- 1) A view
B scenery
C sights
D looks
- 2) A grass
B flats
C earth
D fields
- 3) A mountain
B peak
C hill
D summit
- 4) A wood
B greenery
C jungle
D forest
- 5) A river
B channel
C stream
D forest
- 6) A sea
B bath
C water
D pond
- 7) A gate
B door
C opening
D entrance
- 8) A road
B path
C way
D pavement
- 9) A forward
B front
C first
D further

- 10) A bottom
 - B back
 - C ground
 - D earth
- 11) A lounge
 - B seating
 - C saloon
 - D living
- 12) A bathroom
 - B bath
 - C basin
 - D washing
- 13) A Over
 - B Up
 - C Upstairs
 - D Higher
- 14) 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



