



WATCH & LEARN: ARTS & LIFESTYLE

HOW WE LIVE: SMART GROWTH CITIES

A TOUR OF GREEN LONDON (3:09 min)

VIDEO Script & Vocabulary (page 1 of 2/v19457)

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Starting
Off

Greening of London's streets, buildings and other public spaces does more than change the look of these places. Roofs and walls covered in plants, street trees and small pocket parks in between buildings make the city a better place to live, work and invest.

- 1 Read the **Video Script** below. The words in **bold** are defined in the **Vocabulary** section. Look up any new words in a dictionary.
- 2 Go to the **Your Turn** section at the end of this document. Practice using new words and expressions from the video script to prepare for your next class.
- 3 Look at the **Discussion Questions** and prepare your responses for the next class.

Video Script:

Narrator: It's one of the greatest cities on Earth, cosmopolitan and **vibrant** and visited by millions of people from all **four corners of the globe** every year. It is, of course, London.



Go Green London!

Now London is a big city and if you only have a **limited amount** of time to **get around**, one of the **greenest ways** of travelling around the capital is to **hire** a bike. One of the **Boris bikes**, named after our mayor. All you have to do is put your credit card into a machine here and **pick up** a code like I've got here, **put it in** your number and **away you go**. Once you've got your wheels you're ready to start exploring the capital's **landmarks**, but do be careful. **Make sure** you use the cycle lanes and be **wary** of other road users and pedestrians.

Flower Market is London's oldest fruit market. It's really popular particularly at the weekends with both Londoners and tourists **alike**. You come here looking for fresh seasonal **organic** food. There's so much to see and do in London it can be hard to know where to start. My advice is to **head down** to the mighty River Thames where you can **get your bearings** then you can start to really explore.

I'm here in Trafalgar Square which is really in the heart of central London. From here almost everywhere is **reachable by foot**. Just to the north we've got the West End and all the **theatres**. To the south there's Buckingham Palace and number 10 Downing Street and really if you haven't been to Trafalgar Square, you haven't been to London.



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Discussion Questions:

- ◊ Have you ever been to London? What are some of your most vivid memories about your trip?
- ◊ Do you think of London as being a particularly "green" city with lots of parks, trees and open space? What are some other cities that you might describe as being quite green or eco-friendly?
- ◊ What about the city you live in or nearest to? What environmental improvements have you noticed in recent years and what might you like to see in future?

Vocabulary:

- **vibrant** - pulsating with vigor and energy
- **four corners of the globe** - all over the world
- **a limited amount** - not a lot of; finite
- **get around** - circulate; go different places
- **greenest ways** - most environmentally friendly methods
- **hire** - rent; pay to use temporarily
- **Boris bikes** - named Boris Johnson a famous biking enthusiast who was mayor of London at the time of filming
- **pick up** - collect; get
- **put it in** - insert or type
- **away you go** - begin your journey
- **landmarks** - famous sites
- **make sure** - ensure; be certain
- **wary** - be careful of and also respect that they may pose a danger to you
- **alike** - both in the same way
- **organic** - grown and/or produced without the use of chemical pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers and without artificial additives or preservatives
- **head down** - go in the direction of
- **get your bearings** - become oriented to your surroundings
- **reachable by foot** - can be walked to without expending great physical effort or time
- **theatres** - a building or outdoor area in which plays, films and other dramatic performances are given

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Covent Garden has always been in the heart of London's tourist route and it's a wonderful **slice of city life** with markets shops and restaurants **galore**. Just **off the beaten track** in Covent Garden is Niels yard, a **treasure trove** of **green goodies** and just a great place to **hang out**. One of the great things about being a green traveler is that you **come across hidden gems** like this - The Grand Union Canal, a system of waterways, you know, very quiet areas where you can cycle and walk. There are no buses or cars here and the great thing about them is that they **link up** some of the best areas of London.

And here we are. Just cycle along the canal into the heart of Camden. It's a **brilliant atmosphere** here that has fantastic markets and shops and restaurants, great nightlife, great food and great people. The Duke of Cambridge opened in 1998 and it was the first, and still is, organic pub in the world. We have a **huge range** of customers. A lot of locals come here but we're also a destination restaurant. Everything's **strictly seasonal** and **field grown** so there's no heated greenhouses ever.

So there we have it, a **snapshot** of green London and when you come to London spend as long as you can and don't be surprised if you find it hard to leave.



Vocabulary continued...

- **slice of city life** - great example of vital, urban activity
- **galore** - in great abundance
- **off the beaten track** - away from the main route
- **treasure trove** - containing or featuring rich, diverse examples of something
- **green goodies** - healthy foods, eco-friendly features, goods, services, etc.
- **hang out** - spend leisure time in a relaxed way
- **come across** - encounter
- **hidden gems** - great things not well-known by the mainstream public or majority of tourists
- **link up** - connect
- **brilliant atmosphere** - vital ambiance
- **huge range** - large diverse variety of something
- **strictly seasonal** - only available in that region during a particular growing period permitted by the climate
- **field grown** - cultivated outdoors in soil
- **snapshot** - brief overview

Your Turn! Using new vocabulary is the best way to learn and remember it.

- 1 Choose three words or expressions from the video that are new to you and write a sentence using each one in the box below.
- 2 Try to use them in a context that is familiar to you to help you retain them.
- 3 Please ask for feedback on your sentences in the next lesson.

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