

11. NATURE AND THE COUNTRYSIDE (Příroda)



SPEAKING

1. Picture work:

Describe these imaginary "animals" in as much detail as possible. Think of suitable names for them. Would you like to have them as pets? How do you think they would behave if they existed? What would they eat? Can you think of other possible "crosses"?



2. Answer and discuss the following questions.

- What do you think of zoos?
- What is your opinion of testing cosmetics and pharmaceutical products on animals? Is it acceptable to kill animals for their fur, skin, etc.?
- Do you have a pet? Is it any of your responsibility to take care of it? Does it ever get on your nerves?
- Do you think our parks and playgrounds are clean and safe enough for children? What do you think could be done to improve the situation?
- How much time do you spend in the countryside? Where do you go most often? Do you think hikers treat the forests the way they should?
- Which of these natural disasters are the worst? earthquake, flood, forest fire, tsunami (tidal wave), hurricane, tornado, drought, avalanche, volcanic eruption. Is it possible to compare them at all? What happens when they occur? What kind of damage do they cause?
- What's the weather like today? Describe it in as much detail as possible. Is the weather forecast on TV always accurate?



3. Read the following tips on what you can do to protect the environment. Do you do any of these things? Which of them do you think you could start doing? Which of them would not make a big difference?

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Save Electricity

- Turn off unused lights.
- Turn off the television ... watch less, read more. Talk to each other!
- Turn off the computer when you're not using it.
- Turn off the music, unless you're really listening to it.

Save Petrol

- Walk to school.
- Ride your bike to do the shopping.
- Don't drive to the hypermarket unless you're really going to buy many items.
- When you're ready to shop at the hypermarket, take neighbours or relatives with you (carpool).

Save Oil

- Recycle plastic.
- Whenever possible, buy non-plastic materials – wooden toys, for example.



(Adapted from Bridge 11/2002, by Mary Matz)

4. Do you understand the following jokes and cartoons? What makes them funny? Do you know any animal jokes in Czech? Can you translate them into English?

JOKES

- Q: What do you get when you cross a parrot with a centipede?
A: A walkie-talkie, of course.
- Q: Which side of a chicken has the most feathers?
A: The outside.
- Q: How do you know if there is an elephant under the bed?
A: Your nose is touching the ceiling.
- Q: Why do elephants drink so much?
A: To try to forget.



To maintain a healthy body you must drink at least 8-10 glasses of water per day.



11. THE NATURAL WORLD

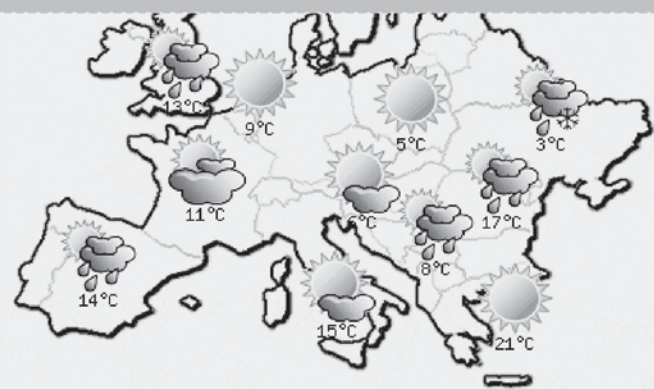
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SPEAKING TASKS

1. PICTURE WORK. Weather forecast. Match each of the following with a symbol and give more details about them. Describe each of the following: yesterday's weather, a pleasant summer day, a horrible winter day.

hail sunny intervals cloudy thunderstorm drizzle sleet heavy snow shower heavy rain

2. PRESENTATION. Imagine that you are the weatherman/weathergirl on TV. Use the following graphics and prepare the weather forecast.



3. ROLE-PLAY. Buying a pet. STUDENT A: You are a customer at a pet shop and want to buy a pet. Ask the shop assistant for advice. STUDENT B: You are the shop assistant at a pet shop. Help the customer choose a suitable pet. Use the following to help you:

- a hairy spider a jerboa aquarium cage attack tame cute terrarium bite goldfish sting stroke a boa constrictor a budgerigar a parrot a Siamese cat

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