

The Eden Project

The Eden Project is in Cornwall in England. It's a group of huge greenhouses and beautiful gardens. The greenhouses contain thousands of plants from South America, Africa, Asia and Australia. The Eden Project is a tourist attraction, but it's also a place for scientists and ordinary people to study the environment. Scientists use computers to control the temperature in the greenhouses.

The greenhouses are called biomes. The Rainforest Biome is really exciting. You can see a waterfall, tropical flowers and the plants we use to make cola, chocolate, chewing gum and many other things. You can also climb to the Rainforest Lookout above the treetops so you can look down on the whole biome. The gardeners and scientists in the Rainforest Biome go to the top of the biome in balloons to study the tops of the plants. This is similar to the way environmentalists study rainforests around the world. They travel in balloons and use them to take photographs and do experiments. Studying the rainforest helps environmentalists understand what will happen in the future.

Outside the domes at the Eden Project, there are different gardens to explore with plants from Britain and other European countries. There are also lots of art and music activities. One of the most interesting works of art is the Wee Man. This is a huge sculpture made of rubbish. There's also a giant wooden ship, a gift shop, cafés and a children's playground. There's something for all the family to enjoy.



- 1** **Team work** Look at the first photo. What do you think this place is? Tell a partner.

a greenhouse a laboratory a museum

- 2** 1.54 Read and listen to the text and check your answer.

- 3** **Team work** Are the questions true or false? Say the answers in pairs.

- 1 You can see plants from all around the world at the Eden Project.
- 2 You can buy sweets in the Rainforest Biome.
- 3 Visitors can stand above the trees.
- 4 Scientists travel around the Rainforest Biome in a special car.
- 5 There are European plants outside the biomes.
- 6 The Wee Man is a children's toy.

Glossary

greenhouse	cieplarnia
environment	środowisko
chewing gum	guma do żucia
experiment	eksperyment
sculpture	rzeźba

Project

Team work Prepare a poster about a national park in your country. Find photos and information about its landscape, location, animals and plants. Say what you can do there. Then present your poster to the class.