

While you listen

The *Britain is Great* series tells you about some of the things that make Britain so great. There's a lot of fun facts – and lots of good language, too. See if you can answer the questions while you watch the video.

Comprehension Task 1 - What do you see on the video? Choose all the right answers.

- a) a traditional wind farm
- b) a new, small wind turbine
- c) the man who invented the new turbine
- d) solar panels being fitted
- e) a solar-powered car
- f) an aerial view of the Olympic site
- g) a new sports stadium
- h) construction work in progress
- i) an image of the area before work started
- j) one of the Olympic organisers
- k) Olympic athletes
- l) members of the public

Comprehension Task 2 - Are these sentences true or false according to the video? If the video doesn't say, choose 'not given'.

1. Wind farms are increasingly widespread in Britain.

True False Not Given

2. The Quiet Revolution new turbine is different because it can be used in cities.

True False Not Given

3. The Quiet Revolution new turbine can generate more energy than traditional turbines.

True False Not Given

4. Richard thinks the new turbines are beautiful but wouldn't want to live near one.

True False Not Given

5. The environment is a priority for the design of the Olympic park.

True False Not Given

6. The Olympic Park has been built on an area of open countryside.

True False Not Given

7. The Olympics will be green because all of the building materials were recycled.

True False Not Given

8. Local London people agree that the Olympics will be good for London in the future.

TRUE False Not Given

Language Task 1 - Put the words in order to make sentences from the video.

- a) account
- b) across
- c) doorstep
- d) environmentally
- e) harness
- f) largely
- g) practically
- h) renewable

1. They have managed to _____ the power of the wind.

2. The turbine can be put _____ anywhere.
3. The sun is another source of _____ energy.
4. The Olympic Park is _____ friendly.
5. But, _____ speaking, it was a vast area of emptiness.
6. I think that, _____ the board, we've done a lot of different things.
7. What do Londoners think about the Olympics taking place on their _____?
8. It's great that they're taking into _____ the local area.

Language Task 2 - The last woman to speak on the video is American. She says "when you recycle and repurpose, then the waste doesn't become garbage". The word 'garbage' is American English - in British English we say 'rubbish'. Another example is 'movie' (American) and 'film' (British). Replace the American English words (in capital letters) with the British English words.

1. I love spring and summer, but I think FALL is probably my favourite season.
2. The quickest way to get there is on the SUBWAY - it's only five stops.
3. Mmm. Something smells delicious. Have you been baking COOKIES?
4. There isn't enough room in the car - you'll have to put the bags in the TRUNK.
5. I'll have a steak and a double portion of FRIES, please.
6. The police searched her and found a gun in her PURSE.

7. It's on the seventeenth floor! I hope there's AN ELEVATOR.
8. Don't walk in the street - stay on the SIDEWALK, it's safer.
9. We'll need to stop and get some GAS soon - the tank's nearly empty.
10. I don't like wearing skirts to work - I think PANTS are much more comfortable.

Comprehension Task 1: a. b; d. f; g; h; j; l
Language Task 1: 1. e; 2. g; 3. h; 4. d; 5. f; 6. b; 7. c; 8. a
Comprehension Task 2: 1. Not Given; 2. True; 3. Not Given; 4. False; 5. True; 6. False; 7. False; 8. Not Given.
Language Task 2: 1. autumn; 2. underground/tube; 3. biscuits; 4. boot; 5. chips; 6. handbag/bag; 7. a lift; 8. pavement; 9. petrol; 10. trousers.