

Farmers and Biodiversity

B2 Reading, Vocabulary & Grammar Worksheet

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Part 1: New Words & Phrasal Verbs

Read the words and their meanings.

Word / Phrasal Verb	Meaning
restoring	bringing something back to its original or a better condition
isolated	separate or standing alone, not connected to others
stretch	a continuous area or expanse of land
corridors	narrow strips of land that connect separate habitats, allowing wildlife to move between them
payoff	the beneficial result or reward of an action
team up	to join with someone else to work toward a common goal
fall through	to fail to happen or be completed as planned
come up with	to think of or produce an idea or plan
take stock of	to carefully assess or review a situation
follow suit	to do the same thing that someone else has just done

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Part 2: Reading

This text uses the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd conditionals. Read the text.

John Rice and John Sessler could easily have settled into a quiet retirement, but instead they teamed up to tackle a much bigger challenge: restoring biodiversity across their neighboring farms in rural Virginia.

If more farmers don't get involved soon, valleys across the region could keep losing biodiversity at an alarming rate. Scientists from the Smithsonian have pointed out that isolated conservation projects often fall through simply because individual farms are too small to support a wide range of species on their own. If the two men hadn't decided to work together, their individual efforts might never have amounted to much.

If Rice and Sessler ignored their local wildlife entirely, the valley would probably look much the same as any other stretch of productive but ecologically flat farmland. Instead, they looked into science-guided practices designed to create and connect habitats along their shared fence line.

The two farmers came up with a plan: restore small patches of native vegetation, leave certain areas untouched, and take stock of which species were already using their land. If every farm in the valley took stock of its own biodiversity in this way, conservationists would have a much clearer picture of what's needed. If more landowners had joined in earlier, the habitat corridors would have already stretched much further across the valley.

Other landowners in the region have started to take notice. If neighboring farms follow suit, conservationists believe the payoff could be significant — not just for wildlife, but for the long-term productivity of the land itself.

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Part 3: Vocabulary Practice — Match the word to the meaning

Write the correct letter in the blank.

Word		Meaning
1. restoring	___	A. a continuous area or expanse of land
2. isolated	___	B. the beneficial result or reward of an action
3. stretch	___	C. to carefully assess or review a situation
4. corridors	___	D. bringing something back to its original or a better condition
5. payoff	___	E. narrow strips of land that connect separate habitats, allowing wildlife to move between them
6. team up	___	F. separate or standing alone, not connected to others
7. fall through	___	G. to fail to happen or be completed as planned
8. come up with	___	H. to do the same thing that someone else has just done
9. take stock of	___	I. to think of or produce an idea or plan
10. follow suit	___	J. to join with someone else to work toward a common goal

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Part 4: Synonyms (same meaning)

Circle the option with the same meaning.

1. Which option means the same as "restoring"?

☐ A) destroying

☐ B) bringing back

☐ C) ignoring

2. Which option means the same as "isolated"?

☐ A) connected

☐ B) busy

☐ C) separate

3. Which option means the same as "payoff"?

☐ A) reward

☐ B) cost

☐ C) delay

4. Which option means the same as "come up with"?

☐ A) devise

☐ B) abandon

☐ C) forget

5. Which option means the same as "fall through"?

☐ A) succeed

☐ B) continue

☐ C) fail

Part 5: Antonyms (opposite meaning)

Circle the word with the opposite meaning.

1. Which word means the opposite of "restoring"?

☐ A) destroying

☐ B) repairing

☐ C) rebuilding

2. Which word means the opposite of "isolated"?

☐ A) separate

☐ B) connected

☐ C) alone

3. Which word means the opposite of "payoff"?

☐ A) reward

☐ B) benefit

☐ C) cost

4. Which word means the opposite of "team up"?

☐ A) split up

☐ B) join

☐ C) combine

5. Which word means the opposite of "follow suit"?

☐ A) copy

☐ B) match

☐ C) diverge

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Part 6: Grammar — Which conditional is used?

Read each sentence from the text. Circle 1st, 2nd, or 3rd Conditional.

1. "If more farmers don't get involved soon, valleys across the region could keep losing biodiversity."

☐ A) 2nd Conditional

☐ B) 1st Conditional

☐ C) 3rd Conditional

2. "If neighboring farms follow suit, conservationists believe the payoff could be significant."

☐ A) 1st Conditional

☐ B) 3rd Conditional

☐ C) 2nd Conditional

3. "If Rice and Sessler ignored their local wildlife entirely, the valley would probably look much the same."

☐ A) 1st Conditional

☐ B) 3rd Conditional

☐ C) 2nd Conditional

4. "If every farm in the valley took stock of its own biodiversity, conservationists would have a much clearer picture."

☐ A) 2nd Conditional

☐ B) 1st Conditional

☐ C) 3rd Conditional

5. "If the two men hadn't decided to work together, their individual efforts might never have amounted to much."

☐ A) 1st Conditional

☐ B) 2nd Conditional

☐ C) 3rd Conditional

6. "If more landowners had joined in earlier, the habitat corridors would have already stretched much further."

☐ A) 2nd Conditional

☐ B) 3rd Conditional

☐ C) 1st Conditional

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Part 7: Grammar — Choose the correct verb form

1. If more farmers ____ involved soon, valleys could keep losing biodiversity.

☐ A) doesn't get

☐ B) didn't get

☐ C) don't get

2. If neighboring farms ____ suit, the payoff could be significant.

☐ A) follow

☐ B) followed

☐ C) had followed

3. If Rice and Sessler ____ their local wildlife, the valley would look the same.

☐ A) ignore

☐ B) ignored

☐ C) had ignored

4. If every farm ____ stock of its own biodiversity, conservationists would have a clearer picture.

☐ A) takes

☐ B) had taken

☐ C) took

5. If the two men ____ to work together, their efforts might never have amounted to much.

☐ A) hadn't decided

☐ B) don't decide

☐ C) didn't decide

6. If more landowners ____ in earlier, the corridors would have stretched further.

☐ A) join

☐ B) had joined

☐ C) joined

7. If farms ____ isolated, biodiversity efforts often fall through.

☐ A) stayed

☐ B) had stayed

☐ C) stay

8. If they ____ a plan sooner, the habitats would have connected earlier.

☐ A) had come up with

☐ B) came up with

☐ C) come up with

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Part 8: Grammar — Change the conditional

1. Change to 2nd Conditional: "If farmers get involved, biodiversity increases."

- ☐ A) If farmers got involved, biodiversity increases.
- ☐ B) If farmers got involved, biodiversity would increase.
- ☐ C) If farmers get involved, biodiversity would increase.

2. Change to 3rd Conditional: "If they ignore local wildlife, the valley looks the same."

- ☐ A) If they ignored local wildlife, the valley would look the same.
- ☐ B) If they ignore local wildlife, the valley will look the same.
- ☐ C) If they had ignored local wildlife, the valley would have looked the same.

3. Change to 1st Conditional: "If landowners had joined earlier, the corridors would have stretched further."

- ☐ A) If landowners join earlier, the corridors will stretch further.
- ☐ B) If landowners joined earlier, the corridors will stretch further.
- ☐ C) If landowners join earlier, the corridors would stretch further.

4. Change to 3rd Conditional: "If farms stay isolated, projects fall through."

- ☐ A) If farms stayed isolated, projects would fall through.
- ☐ B) If farms had stayed isolated, projects would have fallen through.
- ☐ C) If farms stay isolated, projects will fall through.

5. Change to 2nd Conditional: "If neighbors follow suit, the payoff will be significant."

- ☐ A) If neighbors had followed suit, the payoff would have been significant.
- ☐ B) If neighbors follow suit, the payoff will be significant.
- ☐ C) If neighbors followed suit, the payoff would be significant.

Part 9: Word Scramble

These sentences are long and complex. Put the words in the correct order. Write the full sentence.

1. could / John / Rice / and / John / Sessler / easily / have / settled / into / a / quiet / retirement.

Your sentence: _____

2. often / Isolated / conservation / projects / fall / through / because / individual / farms / are / too / small.

Your sentence: _____

3. came / The / two / farmers / up / with / a / plan / to / restore / small / patches / of / native / vegetation.

Your sentence: _____

4. have / Other / landowners / in / the / region / started / to / take / notice / of / their / work.

Your sentence: _____

5. follow / If / neighboring / farms / suit, / conservationists / believe / the / payoff / could / be / significant.

Your sentence: _____

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Part 10: Dialogue — Complete the conversation

Elena and Marcus discuss the farmers. Circle the best word or phrase for each blank.

Elena: Have you read about these two farmers in Virginia?

Marcus: Yes! They ____ (1) ____ to restore biodiversity across their land.

Elena: If more farmers don't get involved, valleys ____ (2) ____ losing biodiversity.

Marcus: True. Isolated projects often ____ (3) ____ because farms are too small alone.

Elena: If the two men hadn't worked together, their efforts ____ (4) ____ amounted to much.

Marcus: They really ____ (5) ____ a smart plan for their land.

Elena: If every farm ____ (6) ____ its own biodiversity, we'd have a clearer picture.

Marcus: If more landowners had joined earlier, the corridors ____ (7) ____ much further already.

Elena: I hope other farmers ____ (8) ____ soon.

1. Blank 1

- ☐ A) joined
- ☐ B) worked
- ☐ C) teamed up

2. Blank 2

- ☐ A) could keep
- ☐ B) would keep
- ☐ C) keep

3. Blank 3

- ☐ A) come up
- ☐ B) fall through
- ☐ C) team up

4. Blank 4

- ☐ A) would never
- ☐ B) might not have
- ☐ C) might never have

5. Blank 5

- ☐ A) came up with
- ☐ B) come up with
- ☐ C) coming up with

6. Blank 6

- ☐ A) followed suit
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- ☐ C) fell through

7. Blank 7

- ☐ A) will stretch
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- ☐ C) would have stretched

8. Blank 8

- ☐ A) follow suit
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- ☐ C) team up

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Answer Key

Part 3: Vocabulary Matching

1. restoring → D
2. isolated → F
3. stretch → A
4. corridors → E
5. payoff → B
6. team up → J
7. fall through → G
8. come up with → I
9. take stock of → C
10. follow suit → H

Part 4: Synonyms

1. Which option means the same as "restoring"?

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☒ B) bringing back ✓ CORRECT

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2. Which option means the same as "isolated"?

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4. have / Other / landowners / in / the / region / started / to / take / notice / of / their / work.

✓ Other landowners in the region have started to take notice of their work.

5. follow / If / neighboring / farms / suit, / conservationists / believe / the / payoff / could / be / significant.

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