

# Ecotourism



## This week...

Scott is taking some time off work next month and he is asking Tina to go away with him on an ecotourism adventure.

## Lesson Targets

- Ecotourism destinations
- Ecotourism activities

## Daily English Conversation

## Advanced Class

## Warm Up – Topic Question



Do you like spending time in nature?

# Picture Description

Where are those people in the canoes going?



What time of the day is it?



What are they looking at?





**Scott** I'm thinking of getting away for a while next month. Can you take some time off work?

**Tina** I should be able to. Where are you thinking of going?

**Scott** I am interested in ecotourism lately, so I was thinking of going to Chichijima in the Ogasawara Islands.

**Tina** I have heard you can swim with dolphins there.

**Scott** I have swum with dolphins when I was younger in Australia, but it would be so much fun to do it in Japan.

**Tina** Do you know how to get to Chichijima?

**Scott** The only way to get there is to take a ferry. They depart from Tokyo once a week and it takes about 24 hours.

**Tina** That sounds like a fantastic adventure. If you really want to experience ecotourism, we could get there another way.

**Scott** How?

**Tina** You could row a boat!



I am interested in  
Japanese history  
lately.

1. I am interested in ..... lately.
2. I was thinking of going to .....
3. I have heard you can .....
4. The only way to get there is .....



# Role Play – Ecotourism

Student A and Student B are talking about some ecotourism destinations they would like to go to. They are also talking about some activities they can do.



**A:** I am interested in ecotourism lately.

**B:** Do you know any good ecotourism destinations in Japan?

**A:** Yes. I know **Destination** .

Continue the conversation using the **Key Phrases** and the **Destination/Activities** from below.

## Key Phrases

- What can you do there?
- Do you know how to get to ....?
- What else can you do there?
- That sounds like a fantastic adventure.
- I have heard that you can .... there.
- We have to take the ....
- Let's go there for a few days.
- *Other*

## Destinations/Activities

- Ogasawara Islands – swim with dolphins/whale watching
- Okinawa – Scuba diving/snorkeling
- Tone River – Rafting and kayaking
- Yakushima Island – Mountain/forest walks
- *Other*

## True or False

\* Choose a topic below and tell a short story that is either true or not true. The other students in the class and the teacher ask one question each about the story. Then they guess whether your story is true or false.



1. When I go on a trip I prefer to spend time in a city rather than in nature.
2. I don't like staying in big hotels when I travel.
3. I have never been camping before.

1. What is the name of the world's largest reef system?

- A:** Florida Keys
- B:** Great Barrier Reef
- C:** Red Sea Coral Reef
- D:** Apo Reef

2. What month is Earth Day held?

- A:** August
- B:** September
- C:** April
- D:** February

3. What state of the USA is the Grand Canyon located in?

- A:** Arizona
- B:** Alaska
- C:** California
- D:** Texas

4. What is the name of the largest ocean in the world?

- A:** Arctic Ocean
- B:** Pacific Ocean
- C:** Indian Ocean
- D:** Atlantic Ocean





- Do you prefer to visit cities or more remote areas when you go on a trip?
- Are there any ecotourism activities you enjoy doing?
- Can you think of any ecotourism destinations in Japan?

- able - *Are you **able** to come with me?*
- adventure - *I want to go on an **adventure**.*
- depart - *What time does the ferry **depart**?*
- destination - *Where is your final **destination**?*
- interested - *I'm **interested** in protecting the environment.*
- lately - *Have you been to any good places **lately**?*
- nature - *This place has so much beautiful **nature**.*
- remote - *I really enjoy visiting **remote** areas.*