

## Unit 3 &gt;&gt;&gt; Life goals

## 1 a Look at the list of goals. Put them in order of importance for yourself.

- get good exam results .....
- get on a university course .....
- start something new and useful (hobby, learning experience, etc) .....
- re-arrange my bedroom .....
- get a part-time job .....
- save for holidays .....
- catch up with school work .....
- recycle more things .....

## b Work in pairs. Compare your lists.

- a Decide which things should take 'priority' because they're more important.
- b Decide which things should be short term goals and which should be long term goals.

## 2 Quickly read the texts. Which four places are mentioned in the texts? Is there a connection between all these places? If so, what do you think it is?

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Brazil – *An environmental leader*

Brazil is home to approximately 13% of all known species. It has one of the most diverse collections of flora and fauna on the planet. It is not surprising that the country has had strict environmental policies since the 1930s. However, in the last decade, Brazil's environmental goals have become even stricter.

Curitiba, with a population of nearly two million, is a shining example of sustainable city life.

As a newly industrialised nation, Brazil is determined to become the leader in green government policy for the future. And at this rate, it looks like Brazil will achieve its goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 38.9% in 2016 instead of 2020.

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## BAREFACE BLOG

We'll only need half

Hong Kong (Fragrant Harbour) was a small mountainous island with very little space to build on. So back in the 1930s the planners said, 'we'll build up'. They certainly achieved their goal. Today Hong Kong has the title of the world's most vertical city. But ... Hong Kong's urban wildlife conservation policy is extremely strict. Look behind the skyscrapers. 41% of Hong Kong's land mass and 1.5% of its marine environment is a protected area. Hong Kong will be a leader in eco tourism for a long time and it *will* preserve its wildlife because the planners have left half the area for nature.

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I'm going to be starting a BSc (hons) in **Environmental Sciences** at **Southampton University** in September. What can I expect?

Cool choice! You won't regret it. Environmental Sciences is the subject of the future. Did you know that 1 in 10 of all graduates are working in an environmental profession?

Southampton is a great university. You'll be staying in halls of residence because you'll be a first year. They're all good and it's the best way to meet people. It's difficult living alone for the first time.

Are you applying for a student loan? You'll need all the financial support you can get and if you can get a part-time job, it helps.

Good tip – join the university's Marine Conservation Society: <http://www.susu.org/groups/usmcs>. It's free and it will get you involved in environmental issues – and that will be good for your job prospects. We do beach cleans, sponsored swims for fundraising and we raise awareness on campus. It's fun and a way to get to know like-minded people.

Good luck with your A-level results!

## 3 Read the texts again and circle the correct answers.

- 1 What has happened in Brazil over the last decade?
  - A They have introduced an environmental policy.
  - B They have improved their environmental laws further.
- 2 What will Brazil achieve earlier than expected?
  - A Its goal to become an environmental leader.
  - B Its goal to improve greenhouse gas emissions.
- 3 Why did they have to build up in Hong Kong?
  - A Because too many people live there.
  - B Because there isn't much flat land.
- 4 What is not true about Hong Kong?
  - A Hong Kong has the highest skyscrapers in the world.
  - B Nearly half the island is nature reserve.
- 5 What does the student going to Southampton want?
  - A advice about university life
  - B information about the halls of residence
- 6 How will joining the Marine Conservation Society help?
  - A It looks good when you try to get a job.
  - B They provide financial support.

## 4 Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.

Does your country have any environmental goals? What about sustainable cities? How does that help the environment? Do you have any personal environmental goals? What are they?

## 5 Write a short blog spot about your city/area and its environmental goals for the next decade.