

Activity 1

Discuss the following questions with your partner.

1. How many flowers can you name in English?
2. Which flowers are common in your country?
3. Do you like flowers? Why/not?
4. What is your favourite flower, and why?
5. Do you grow any flowers? Why/not?
6. Can you think of any edible flowers? Are flowers often used in dishes in your country?
7. Is it expensive to buy flowers in your country? Which flowers are the most expensive and why?
8. Have you ever given or sent flowers to anyone? If so, on what occasion?
9. Have you ever received flowers from anyone? If so, when and why?
10. What do you think the words 'bud' and 'blossom' mean?

Activity 2

Complete the sentences with the following words and phrases in the correct form:

a bed of roses as fresh as a daisy a shrinking violet to nip (something) in the bud
to be a budding talent a lotus-eater to blossom (out)

1. Can you think of any famous people who could be called because they don't need to work and they lead lives which are full of luxury?
2. Do you feel when you wake up in the mornings? Do you feel full of energy first thing in the morning?
3. Do you know anyone who is ? Do you know anyone who is very shy?
4. Are there any students in your class who were not very confident in English at the start of the course but have and become more confident since then?
5. Do you think life is for very good-looking people? Do you think they have easy lives?
6. Have you ever a potential problem and stopped it from developing into something more serious?
7. Which singer/actor do you think ? Why do you think s/he will be successful in the future?

Activity 3

Ask your partner the questions in Activity 2.

Activity 4

Use the following questions to begin a conversation with your partner.

1. Does your country have a national flower? If so, what is it?
2. Do you think it is a good idea for towns and cities to spend money on formal flower beds to decorate public areas? Why/not?
3. Is it common in your country to name people after flowers? If so, which names do you like best?
4. Are there any flowers that have symbolic significance in your country? (e.g. in the UK red poppies are used to commemorate those killed in war and red roses are considered romantic)?
5. In what other situations are flowers important in your country? (e.g. Valentine's Day, weddings, etc.)
6. Why do you think botanical gardens and flower shows are popular with tourists and other visitors?

Flower Power?

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Activity 5

Go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Homework' icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.

1. Which flower is mentioned in the TP Homework ? a) rose b) sunflower c) poppy
2. Which poem, by John McCrae, is mentioned in the TP Homework?
3. What is the Cenotaph?
4. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

Activity 6

Towns and cities should not waste money on flowers to decorate public areas. Discuss.

If you would like to express your opinion on this subject go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Discussion' icon to take part in the forum discussion there.

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