**LISTENING: General English**

Complétez les notes ci-dessous en fonction de ce que vous allez entendre.

*For each question, fill in the missing information in the numbered space.*

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ANS: management/managerial

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ANS: seasonal

**LC Karen Dover**

Well, I suppose I should start at the beginning. I’ve always been interested in wildlife. As a child, I used to go out looking for butterflies and frogs. I was lucky, because a lot of the older people in the area would tell me things, show me where to find interesting examples. I came into contact with these people because they were customers of my parents, who ran the newsagent’s shop where we lived. I enjoyed all the science subjects at school, and when it came to choosing a subject for university, I was tempted to go in for medicine, but in the end I decided to follow my heart and settled on botany – and I’ve never regretted it.

Well, after various jobs along the way, I’m now called Site Co-ordinator for the Countryside Board. In fact I’m very lucky, as there’s always masses of competition when it comes to jobs with organisations which are responsible for protecting the countryside. I enjoy the job, as it means getting to grips with both practical tasks and management skills – there’s never a dull moment!

The only aspect that’s perhaps a bit too much of a challenge is liaising with landowners. Unlike ordinary farmers or people involved in the tourist business, they can be hard to get on with ... inflexible, you might say.

But that aside, I do look forward to work each day, and especially when there are visible benefits from my efforts, I feel real pleasure. Mind you, the problems around are enormous. A major issue that we have to tackle is that there have been huge reductions in populations of farmland birds. Ways have to be found to fit modern needs into the environment we live in. People do need new homes, but they also need open spaces where they can breathe and get close to nature, and these should be incorporated into new housing projects at the design stage. The Countryside Board aims to find the best way to deal with the ways cities are spreading. At the moment, I’m working on a plan to plant trees so that isolated forest areas may become one large forest. And then when new species are introduced, or threatened ones begin to recover, they have a better chance to spread and establish themselves.

Well, if people are interested in a career in conservation, a good starting point is to get in touch with the Countryside Board, who can provide information about the various opportunities. A qualification is necessary, and people must be prepared to do seasonal or voluntary work to start with. But it is a life I can wholeheartedly recommend ...