

Lesson 20**Gardening****On Wednesday Anita worked in the garden.**

Anita enjoys gardening. Her house has a front yard and a back yard. Every Wednesday, Anita takes care of the front yard and back yard. She takes turns cutting the lawn. She cuts the front yard grass one week. Then, she cuts the back yard grass the next week. She uses a lawnmower to cut the lawn. After she has cut the grass she rakes the lawn and puts the grass into a plastic bag. Later, she will throw it away. She enjoys mowing the lawn. She likes her lawn to look nice and clean. She thinks mowing the lawn is also good exercise for her.

The front yard has a lawn and some bushes. The bushes are green. They grow next to the driveway. They also grow in front of the house. Sometimes the bushes get too big and look a little messy. When they are too big or look too messy Anita cuts them with her shears. Anita's children often leave their toys on the driveway. Anita picks up the children's toys and puts them in the garage. The garage is sometimes messy, too. So, Anita has to tidy this as well. She puts everything on a shelf or in a box in the garage.

The back yard has a lawn, some trees, and a flower garden. Every year in the spring Anita plants some new flowers in her flower garden. She thinks they look beautiful. There are some red roses, pink carnations, white lilies, and purple violets. Anita always waters them two or three times a week. On Wednesdays, she picks up any weeds that have grown in the flower garden. She really enjoys gardening and her garden looks very beautiful. She is very proud of her garden.

Dialogue: Anita is talking to her neighbor Susan.

Anita: *Hi Susan. How are you today?*

Susan: *I'm fine Anita. How are you?*

Anita: *I'm fine too.*

Susan: *I see you are working in the garden.*

Anita: *That's right. It's Wednesday today.*

Susan: *I think you always work in the garden on Wednesday.*

Anita: *That's right. There are many things to do.*

Susan: *Which lawn will you mow this week?*

Anita: *This week I will mow the front lawn.*

Susan: *Did you mow the back lawn last week?*

Anita: *Yes, I did. I mowed the back lawn last week.*

Susan: *Your flower garden looks very nice this year.*

Anita: *Thank you. I try to take good care of it.*

Susan: *What flowers do you have in it this year?*

Anita: *There are some red roses and some pink carnations.*

Susan: *They are beautiful. What are those others?*

Anita: *Those are white lilies and purple violets.*

Susan: *Everything looks great. You must be very proud of your garden.*

Anita: *I am very proud of it. It is hard work, though.*

Questions:

1. What does Anita enjoy?
2. How many yards does her house have?
3. How often does she cut the front lawn?
4. How often does she cut the back lawn?
5. What does she do after she has cut the grass?
6. Why does she enjoy mowing the lawn?
7. Where are the bushes?
8. What does Anita do when the bushes look messy?
9. What do her children sometimes do?
10. What does Anita do with their toys?
11. Why does Anita have to tidy the garage?
12. What is in the back yard?
13. What does she do every spring?
14. What kinds of flowers did she plant this year?
15. How often does she water them?
16. What does she do on Wednesdays?
17. Why is she proud of her garden?
18. Who is Susan?
19. What does Susan say about Anita's garden?



Activity: Garden Design

Look at these different gardens. What can you see? How do these gardens make you feel?



What different things can you see in these gardens? Write your ideas here.

On a piece of paper draw a garden. Label all the things in the garden in English. When you have finished, show your garden to your classmates.

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you enjoy gardening? Why?
2. Does your house have a garden? Where is it? What is in it?
3. Do you have many plants in your house? Where are they?
4. What flowers commonly grow in your country?
5. What is your favorite kind of flower? What color is it?
6. People often send flowers on special occasions.
What flowers are appropriate for a:
 - Wedding:
 - Funeral:
 - Birthday:
 - Valentine's Day:
 - Mother's Day:
 - Romantic date:
7. Some people enjoy gardening. Some people think gardening is too much trouble. What do you think?
8. If you had a big back yard, would you rather have a swimming pool, a fishpond or a fountain? Why?
9. If you had a back yard, would you let your children play baseball in it? Why?
10. If you had a flower garden, what kinds of flowers would you plant? Why?
11. What do you usually do on Wednesdays?
12. What did you do last Wednesday?
13. What will you do next Wednesday?

Grammar Focus: Fill in the blanks.

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