

Talk with the Experts: Student Worksheet



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Activity 1

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The following four scientists are experts in the field of native grasslands, grassland management and grassland plant/animal identification. You will participate in a virtual interview where you can select an expert, topic and question, and then ask your own question or pose a comment. Complete the following questions in the tables provided as you undertake the interviews.

The role

1. Where do the experts work and what is their role?

Neville Walsh	Dr. Nick Williams	Dr. John Morgan	Fiona Smith

2. What does the role of each expert involve?

Neville Walsh	Dr. Nick Williams	Dr. John Morgan	Fiona Smith

3. Why are the experts interested in grasslands?

Neville Walsh	Dr. Nick Williams	Dr. John Morgan	Fiona Smith

4. What do the experts consider are their most satisfying achievements in working with grasslands?

Neville Walsh	Dr. Nick Williams	Dr. John Morgan	Fiona Smith

5. What drives the experts in their roles?

Neville Walsh	Dr. Nick Williams	Dr. John Morgan	Fiona Smith

Grassland ecosystem

6. Which grassland species most interests each expert?

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7. How do the experts believe that the health of grasslands can be measured?

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Grassland management

8. Grasslands of the Western Volcanic Plains are critically endangered. According to the experts, what are the threats facing grasslands today?

Neville Walsh	Dr. Nick Williams	Dr. John Morgan	Fiona Smith

9. What are the best ways to restore degraded grasslands?

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Involvement

10. What attracted the experts to work in grasslands?

Neville Walsh	Dr. Nick Williams	Dr. John Morgan	Fiona Smith

11. According to the experts, what are some of the hazards involved in working in grasslands?

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12. What pathways could students take to enable them to work in grasslands?

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Conclusion

13. How does each of the experts' roles differ?

14. Which of these roles most interests you? Why?
