



VOCABULARY:

- I'm spending some **time off** with my family in Italy.
- I was beginning to feel that I needed a **break**.
- Thursday is his **day off**.
- Luke was forced to cancel the **family holiday** to Acapulco.
- I've applied for three days' **leave**.



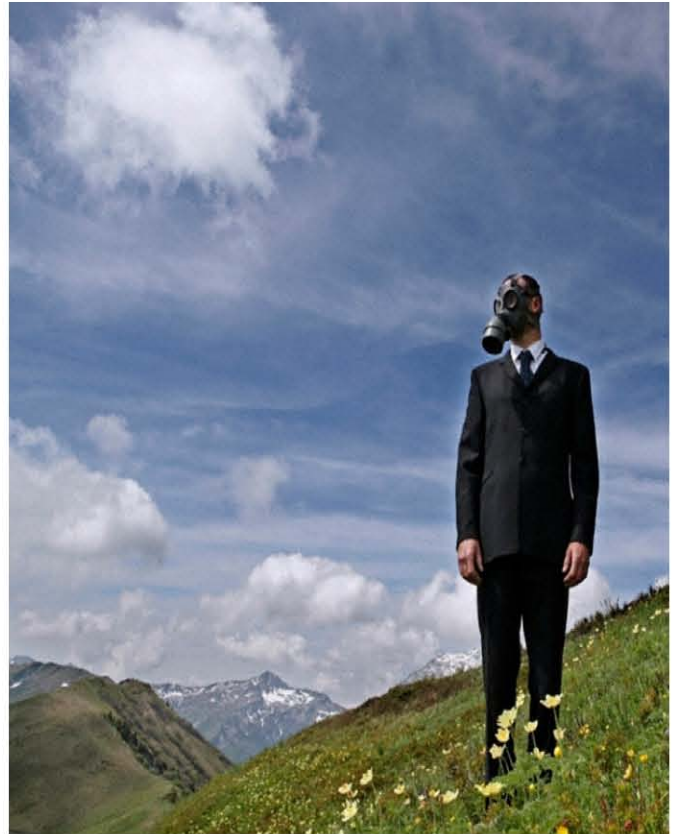
VOCABULARY:

- **Freezing** weather strands 2000 at Paris airport.
- A light **drizzle** had started by the time we left.
- Tokyo is extremely **humid** in mid-summer .
- It's a cold, **misty** morning.
- It should be generally **mild** for the next few days.



VOCABULARY:

- I really like the house especially its **landscape**.
- He is so busy **trimming** off the rotten wood.
- I think the roses need **pruning**.
- It's time to **mow** the lawn again.
- I have a constant battle against **weeds**.



VOCABULARY:

- This carton is made of **biodegradable** plastic.
- There is a major problem with **Deforestation** in the Amazon and many tribes are losing their homes.
- **Organic farming** is better for the environment.
- Retailers can influence consumers by promoting **eco-friendly** products and ideas in their shops.
- **Recycling** is important to help protect our environment.



VOCABULARY:

- That bag is **biodegradable**, it will completely dissolve in a year from now.
- **Smog** is a major problem in some of the cities.
- The Japanese **recycle** more than half of their waste paper.
- The infection was probably caused by swimming in **contaminated** water.
- The government is thinking about how to reduce **noise pollution**.



VOCABULARY:

- They have two **adopted** children and one of their own.
- Nazareth house was an **orphanage** run by nuns in Glasgow, Scotland.
- As a baby he'd been **abandoned** by his mother.
- Man gets seven year prison sentence for **child abuse**.



VOCABULARY:

- As soon as the actor got off the stage, he was followed by several members of the **paparazzi**.
- I saw a very famous **newscaster** in the shopping mall.
- The news of his death was splashed across the **headlines** in all the newspapers.
- The issue has been much discussed in the **media**.



VOCABULARY:

- The wife of a rich businessman has been **kidnapped** from her home.
- He was caught **shoplifting** by a store detective.
- They spent ten years in **jail** for **fraud**.
- He was **arrested** when customs officers found drugs in his bag.



VOCABULARY:

- The whole system was **corrupt**, every official she approached wanted money before helping her.
- He's spending a lot of his time at the moment **campaigning** for the Liberal Party.
- Most people have a bad impression of **politicians**.
- The government has promised to uphold the principles of **democracy**.
- Local government **elections** will take place in May.



VOCABULARY:

- What she did was **beyond belief**.
- Did it really happen or it's just an **urban legend**?
- The traditional **notion** of marriage goes back thousands of years.
- It's a news reporter's job to separate **fact** from fiction.
- The children were **lucky** to survive the fire which destroyed their home.