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Comprehension Exercises

- ▶ 1. Pitgaveny estate is not only a large working farm. It also has a variety of other interests. What are these?

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▶ 3. How is the river utilised by the estate?

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▶ 4. Mr Birse explains how the land is used. Can you explain what the term arable means? What is the grass grown and used for?

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▶ 5. A number of the fields on the estate are used to grow Oil Seed Rape. Can you find out what the seeds from this crop are used for?

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Extension: Find out more about the processes and uses of oil seed rape.

▶ 6. Mr Birse explains that the farm benefits from the Gulf Stream. How does the area benefit from this?

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▶ 7. The carrots grown on this farm are organic carrots. What does he tell us about the organic methods used to grow the carrots.

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▶ 8. How do the carrots get sufficient water during the summer season?

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▶ 9. Pitgavney lies near the coast. What is in the soil that benefits the growth of the carrots?

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▶ 10. What are the months that carrot production takes place in, from sowing to harvesting?

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- 11. Approximately how many tonnes of carrots can be harvested in one day?

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