

# Open your eyes to pavement plants

## E2-3 Functional English

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Jane Perrone goes out every morning with a piece of chalk, son Fred and dog Wolfie.

### A mother from Bedford hopes to make more people open their eyes to the natural world.

Jane Perrone checks every crack in the pavement to cheer up her daily lockdown walks. When she finds a plant, she writes its name and takes a photo.

She posted some of her pictures on Facebook and was amazed at the response.

"It's just a way of putting a big arrow towards things people haven't noticed," she said.



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Ms Perrone is a plant and garden journalist and created the 'On the Ledge' podcast. She goes on a walk every day with her dog and her nine-year-old son.

"When I'm walking down the street, I have my plant glasses on – I'm looking in every crack of the pavement," she said.

"If you start looking out, it's amazing how much you'll see."

On the pavement she writes the name in Latin and English and then online she tells people what uses the plants have.

"Once you know the plant, you might find it in another place or even sow the seeds of it in your garden," she said.

Peter Element lives close to Ms Perrone. He said: "I'm really enjoying these posts. It's making our area come alive for me."

A Bedford local councillor said: "It's making people think differently about nature and things they didn't notice before.

"You might just walk to the shops, but if you look down and see plants growing in the paving slabs, it can surprise you and make you happy."



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Reading questions (E2: Q1-6, p1 of text) and E3 (Q1-10, both pages of the text)

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## Reading questions

1. Where does Jane Perrone live?

\_\_\_\_\_ (E2.7, E2.11. 1 mark)

2. What does Jane look for when she goes for a walk?

\_\_\_\_\_ (E2.7, E2.8, E2.11. 1 mark)

3. What is the name of Jane's dog?

\_\_\_\_\_ (E2.12. 1 mark)

4. Why does she write the plant names?

\_\_\_\_\_ (E2.7, E2.8, E2.11. 1 mark)

5. Jane Perrone uses Facebook.

True

False

(E2.7, E2.8, E2.11. 1 mark)

6. You must use a paper dictionary for this question.

"It's just a way of putting a big **arrow** towards things people haven't noticed."

Look up the meaning of the word **arrow**. Write down the meaning and the page number of the dictionary.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page number: \_\_\_\_\_ (E2.10, 1 mark)

# Open your eyes pavement plants – E3 reading questions

For extra writing practice, learners can answer Q1-4 & 9 in complete sentences.

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## Reading questions (E3 only)

7. The main purpose of the text is to:

tell you how to create a Facebook page about plants.	<input type="checkbox"/>
teach you Latin names for plants.	<input type="checkbox"/>
tell you about an unusual lockdown activity.	<input type="checkbox"/>
warn you not to visit Bedford.	<input type="checkbox"/>

(E3.10, 1 mark)

8. Find two ways that Jane tells people about the plants.

\_\_\_\_\_ (E3.8, E3.9, 2 marks)

9. What do other people think about what she does?

\_\_\_\_\_  
(E3.8, E3.9, 1 mark)

10. Which statement about Jane Perrone is true?

She is a local councillor.	<input type="checkbox"/>
She is a journalist.	<input type="checkbox"/>
She lives with Peter Element.	<input type="checkbox"/>

(E3.8, E3.9, 1 mark)

11. You may use a dictionary for this question.

Suggest a word or phrase to replace 'sow' in this sentence.

“Once you know the plant, you might find it in another place or even **sow** the seeds of it in your garden.”

\_\_\_\_\_ (E3.11, 1 mark)

12. Name two features that are used to organise the text.

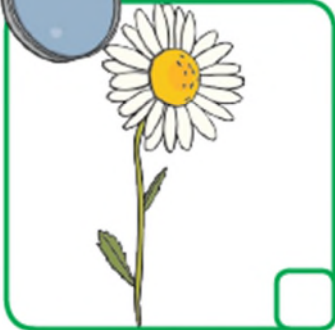
\_\_\_\_\_ (E3.12, 2 marks)



# Plants and Flowers Hunt Sheet



Tick the plants and flowers that you have found!



**daisy**



**buttercup**



**clover**



**nettle**



**dandelion**



**ivy**



**bramble**



**rose**



**bluebell**



**dog rose**



**sunflower**



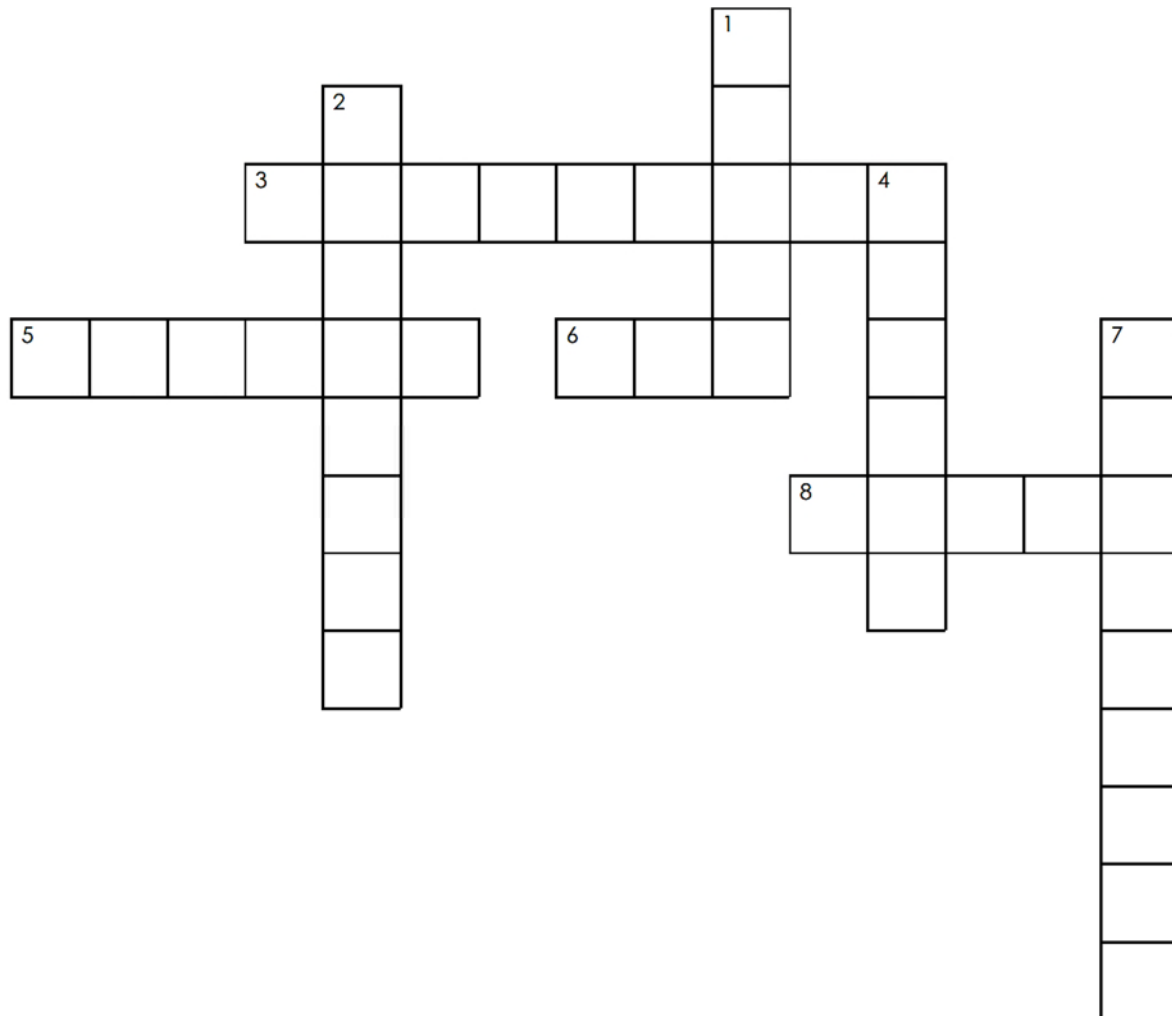
**poppy**

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# Open your eyes pavement plants – crossword

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## Pavement plants



The poster on page 5 will help with some of the clues.

Across:

- 3. Yellow flower, with seeds that make a 'clock'. (9)
- 5. A lucky plant. (6)
- 6. A climbing plant. (3)
- 8. Jane hopes to find one of these. (5)

Down:

- 1. Children make these into chains. (5)
- 2. Where Jane looks for plants. (8)
- 4. A stinging plant. (6)
- 7. Shiny yellow flower. (9)

Crossword created by Isabel Jordan using Crossword Puzzle Generator on Super Teacher Worksheets (May 2020)  
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