



# 7th Grade Unit 3

## Scenario: Getting Back to Nature

<b>Dialogue title/ subject</b>	<b>Lesson Plan</b>	<b>Keywords</b>
Lauren's trip to Arenal	Unit 3 Week 1	There is/are, natural beauty, questions
Weekend Plans	Unit 3 Week 2	Greetings, natural beauty, questions
My Favorite Place in Costa Rica	Unit 3 Week 2	Natural beauty, like/love
Where should I go on vacation?	Unit 3 Week 3	Questions, natural beauty, like/love
My Class Trip to Manzanillo	Unit 3 Week 4	Natural beauty, past tense
I love my Costa Rica	Unit 3 Week 4	Natural beauty, present tense, adjectives

Note: The audios were written especially for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Unit 1. However, they may also be used when studying any of the following: politeness, classroom routines, questions, greetings, leave-taking, classroom objects, yes/no questions, introductions, WH questions, emotions, descriptions.

## Unit 3 Week 1

### Text: Lauren's Trip to Arenal

Lauren lives in Guanacaste with her family. Guanacaste is very hot. Last year during Holy Week, Lauren's family wanted to get out of the heat. They traveled to the Arenal volcano. It was Lauren's first time at the volcano, and she was impressed by its size. It was cloudy while they were there, and Lauren was only able to see the volcano once, but she was very happy to see it when she did. Lauren's family went to the free hot springs in a local river, walked on the trail near the volcano, and went rafting. On the last day of their vacation, they drove on the bumpy road to Rio Celeste where they hiked to the beautiful blue waterfall. On their way back from the hike they stopped at a delicious sushi restaurant in La Fortuna. Lauren and her family had a wonderful time in Arenal and want to return.

## Unit 3 Week 2

### Dialogue: Weekend Plans

**Doug:** Hey Louisa, how are you?

**Louisa:** Hi Doug, I'm well. How's it going with you?

**Doug:** Pretty great, thanks for asking. Do you have any plans for this weekend?

**Louisa:** Yes! On Friday my husband and I will travel to Chirripo mountain, and we will spend the weekend hiking.

**Doug:** Wow! Chirripo is beautiful! It is a very long and hard hike. I hiked Chirripo with my friends about five years ago. The top of the mountain is cold and grey, with lots of clouds. But, it was a wonderful experience.

**Louisa:** I have wanted to hike Chirripo for years. I have trained for months. I do not want to get too tired to finish it. They don't let many people into the park at the same time, so we had to make our reservations weeks ago.

**Doug:** Wow! You've worked hard for this trip! I hope you enjoy your adventure!

**Louisa:** Thanks, Doug! What are you doing this weekend?

**Doug:** Last night my girlfriend and I decided to go to Playas del Coco in Guanacaste! We don't know where we will stay. All we really want is to relax at the beach!

**Louisa:** Ha! I have planned for months, and you have no plan at all, but we are both taking trips this weekend. Have a great time, Doug! I look forward to catching up on Monday.

**Doug:** Can't wait to see how it goes. See you later, Louisa.

### **Text: My Favorite Place in Costa Rica**

My favorite place in Costa Rica is Manuel Antonio, Puntarenas. I love Manuel Antonio for many reasons. Manuel Antonio has a beautiful beach that is perfect for swimming and relaxing. My mom and dad love to take walks on the beach in the morning, too. I love to bring a book to the beach and listen to the waves as I read. My little sister likes to build sand castles. Manuel Antonio also has a beautiful national park where many animals and plants are seen. When I was there we saw a snake, tropical birds, frogs, and lots of monkeys. There are also beaches inside the national park, and I think they are even prettier than the public beaches. Manuel Antonio has many restaurants and nice hotels. I also love it because it is the middle of the jungle, and when you stay in Manuel Antonio you can often hear monkeys in the morning. It is really cool! I recommend that everyone go to Manuel Antonio so that they can experience all the natural wonders there.

## **Unit 3 Week 3**

### **Dialogue: Where Should I Go on Vacation?**

**Alejandra:** Jose, I have some vacation time to use but I don't know where to go. I am ready to get away from Barcelona for a couple of weeks. What should I do?

**Jose:** That's a good question. Before I answer, I have another question for you. When you go on vacation what do you like to do?

**Alejandra:** I love beaches and warm weather. I'm an animal lover so seeing animals would be nice. I also like to see lots of different things even if I don't have that much time. And I don't like to have to dress up or spend a lot of time driving. I don't want to stress. I want to chill!

**Jose:** Then I suggest Costa Rica! Costa Rica has a lot to offer. Mountains, rainforests, volcanoes, rivers, beaches, sloths, monkeys, turtles and whales are all waiting for you.

**Alejandra:** Costa Rica! That's a great idea.

**Jose:** You can drive from one side of the country to the other in just a few hours. Or ride a bus and just relax while someone else drives you! If you only go to one place, I recommend that you go to Playa Tamarindo. In the Tamarindo area there are many beautiful beaches, a national park, and lots of monkeys. Playa Grande is also great for surfing. They even have turtles there!

**Alejandra:** Thanks for the suggestions, Jose. I am excited to start planning my trip to Costa Rica.

## Unit 3 Week 4

### **Text: My Class Trip to Manzanillo**

Last week my class took a trip to the beach. We woke up early to get on the bus and left Bribri before sunrise. A couple of hours later we arrived at beautiful Manzanillo. I was thirsty, so I found a woman selling coconuts and bought one. Coconut water is so delicious! My classmates and I played on the beach all day long. In the morning, we went swimming and looked for crabs. Around midday, we ate a lunch of sausages, tortillas, cabbage salad, and fresh pineapple. After that, we broke into teams and played beach soccer, and the teachers played too. It was fun! I did get a stomach ache because I didn't wait long enough after eating before playing. I had to lie down for a while. But soon I was playing in the waves. We stayed on the beach until the sun set, and the sky turned pink. Then we all got back on the bus and ate rice and beans as we traveled home. In a few minutes, most of us fell asleep. I love Costa Rica's Caribbean beaches, they are beautiful! I can't wait to go back.

### **Text: I Love My Costa Rica**

I am so lucky to be Costa Rican! From Limon to Cartago to Puntarenas, each part of Costa Rica is very different. I live in Sarapiquí de Heredia in a lush rainforest. We grow lots of bananas here and also have many cows, pigs, and chickens. Where I live is rural, beautiful, wet, and green. My grandparents live near Upala in Alajuela, and I love visiting them because we eat lots of fresh pineapple! There is even a woman in their town who makes homemade chocolate! Cafecito is my favorite hour of the day there. Locally-grown coffee is served with fresh pastries from the German bakery down the road. Yum! When my family goes on vacation we travel to Jaco in Puntarenas where there is an exquisite beach, and it is very sunny. We also sometimes like to go to Cartago to visit the cathedral and hike in the mountains or eat fresh cheese made from the milk of mountain cows. It is

so cold up there! For my birthday last year, we went to Puerto Viejo and road bikes around to the different beaches and ate lots of rice and beans. It was a wonderful day! Every part of Costa Rica is special, and I am so happy to call it home.

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