

AUDIO SCRIPTS

SKILLS TEST 1A/1B, MODULE 1

2 Exercise 2

1
Girl: Where are your family roots?
Boy: The West Indies, Jamaica, in fact. But I've lived in England all my life.
Girl: Have you ever visited Jamaica?
Boy: No, I haven't, but members of my family from Jamaica have been here a few times.
Girl: Do you think of yourself as English or Jamaican?
Boy: Both, but I definitely support the Jamaican football team. I saw them play England last year. It was great.
2
Boy: What are you doing?
Girl: I'm learning Italian. I want to go on holiday there this summer. I've got Italian roots, you see. My mum's family are from Italy, but I've never met them.
Boy: That's why you're such a romantic kind of person. Are your family from Venice?
Girl: Actually, I think they're from Milan, you know, the centre of fashion and culture.
Boy: Well, that old T-shirt and those dirty jeans you're wearing aren't very fashionable!

3
Boy: Are you chatting to Marcel? I like his avatar.
Girl: It's Captain Haddock from the *Tintin* books.
Boy: I know. I love Captain Haddock when he's angry. He gets really wild.
Girl: Really? I don't know why Marcel has him as his avatar. He's the most easy-going person I know.
Boy: People often like characters who are different to themselves. I use Captain Jack Sparrow as mine.
4
Boy: Hey, your brother looks different!
Girl: Yes, he's become an Emo.
Boy: Really? How strange! He's such a shy, quiet person.
Girl: He still is. He hangs out with the same people, but they want to be cool and different! It's funny because they act like Emos when they're out but as soon as they come home they forget they're an urban tribe and become little schoolboys again.

5
Boy: Are you going to watch the match tonight?
Girl: No. I'm not really into football. Dad will watch it on his own as usual. I sometimes watch big matches, but I never know who's winning or losing.
Boy: Is anyone else in your family interested?
Girl: My brother plays football, but never watches it. My mum hates it. She hates all sports except tennis.

6
Boy: I see you've got a tattoo.
Girl: Yes, I've had it since the summer.
Boy: What do your parents think about it?
Girl: They quite like it.
Boy: Do you want any more?
Girl: No, one's enough. I don't like people with lots of tattoos. It's the same with piercings. My sister's got a pierced nose. Mum and Dad like it but one hole in each ear is enough for me.

SKILLS TEST 2A/2B, MODULE 2

3 Exercise 2

The Cricket World Cup takes place every four years. The first one was in 1975. The West Indies won that and the second one four years later. In the third World Cup, India won against the West Indies. I'm Irish and I've always loved cricket. When I was young, Ireland didn't play in the Cricket World Cup. We haven't got a very good team, but I remember the 1999 finals. They were played in England and some of the matches were played in Ireland. I didn't go to see them because I was only ten years old and tickets were very expensive. I wanted to watch Ireland or England play, but Ireland weren't in the competition and England's matches were all played in England.

In 2007 Ireland were allowed to play in the World Cup for the first time. It was played in the West Indies, so I couldn't go, but it was all on television. The first match was on March the fifteenth, my eighteenth birthday. We played Zimbabwe and scored 221. Amazingly, Zimbabwe also scored 221, so we got one point each.

The next game is my greatest sporting memory. We had to play Pakistan, one of the best teams in the world. I invited some friends round for dinner and then we watched the game. It was played in the West Indies, and because of the time difference, the match didn't start until the evening. Pakistan scored 132, which isn't very good. We laughed, but we were still worried. Then it was Ireland's turn. Could they do it? When they got to 133 and won the game, we all went wild. We hugged each other and started dancing. That's when we realised it was 3 a.m. and the neighbours were angry!

Ireland played eight more matches and we only won one of them, against Bangladesh. But it didn't matter. It was a great time. My dad says his best sporting memory is even better than mine. It was 1994 and Ireland's football team beat Italy 1-0 in the World Cup in the USA. I don't remember that, however, because I was only five years old.

SKILLS TEST 3A/3B, MODULE 3

4 Exercise 2

Girl: Let's make a birthday cake for Mum.
Boy: But today isn't her birthday.
Girl: I know, but we won't have time tomorrow and the cake will still be fine.
Boy: Okay, but I'm not sure I know how. Birthday cakes are difficult. All that cream and chocolate and fruit.
Girl: No, we won't make one like that. Mum doesn't like creamy cakes, anyway. We can make something simpler and something that she'll actually want to eat.
Boy: Do you know how to do it?
Girl: No, but I know a book with good recipes. It's by Delia Smith and she's a really good cookery book writer. Everything she writes is simple and easy to follow.
Boy: Let's have a look at this first recipe. What do we need?
Girl: Flour, eggs, sugar, butter and some chocolate for the top.
Boy: It sounds a bit fattening. I'm not sure Mum will want to eat that.
Girl: Well, here's one that's called a 'fatless' cake. There's no butter in it, but you have to separate the eggs.

Boy: What do you mean?
Girl: You put the yellow of the eggs in one bowl and the whites in another.
Boy: That sounds easy. How long does it take to make?
Girl: It says you cook it for twenty to twenty five minutes. Let's say it takes another half an hour to prepare everything, so we should have our cake in just under an hour.
Boy: Right, let's get started. What should we do first?
Girl: Heat the oven to 180 degrees. Then it will be the right temperature when we put the cake inside. That's very important. Now get a cake tin and put butter round the inside.
Boy: Why?
Girl: To stop the cake sticking to it.
Boy: Oh, right. Good idea.
Girl: Now we have to separate the eggs. Careful you don't drop any yellow into the whites or it won't work. We can't make any mistakes because this cake needs three eggs and we've only got three eggs.
Boy: Can you do that? I don't want to be responsible for anything going wrong. I can do the washing up.
Girl: Wow! That's the first time I've ever heard you say that. We should make cakes more often.

SKILLS TEST 4A/4B, MODULE 4

5 Exercise 2

Presenter: Today on *You and Your Home* we have actor Harry Dent as our guest. Welcome, Harry.
Harry: Thank you for inviting me.
Presenter: You have several homes, I believe.
Harry: Yes. I have two in England: an apartment in London with a view of the Thames and a cottage by the sea in the south-west of England. However, I spend most of my time in my French farmhouse now.
Presenter: Was the French house expensive?
Harry: The actual house was cheap because it was very old and it needed a lot of repairs to the roof and walls. I've owned the house for three years and there are still a few things that I need to do to it. But now it's in good condition and I've been living there for a year.

Presenter: Why did you buy it?
Harry: In a word, location. It's ten kilometres from the nearest town and all I can see are fields and trees. I grew up in a busy city, so I love the peace and quiet.

Presenter: Is it a cosy home?
Harry: Not really. I like large rooms with not much furniture. Lots of glass and wooden floors without carpets. Now my grandmother's house was cosy, with a real fireplace and a thick carpet. I loved it because it was my grandmother's, but I wouldn't want to live there.

Presenter: So, your home is very modern inside?
Harry: Yes. There's a gym, a home cinema, lots of electrical equipment everywhere. The old farm used to have a fireplace in every room, but I didn't want to spend hours cutting wood, so I had them replaced by central heating. I also wanted an indoor swimming pool. They're expensive, but that wasn't the problem. The problem is that they're hard work. So in the end, I decided to get a Jacuzzi instead. It's downstairs, in a small room next to the living room.
Presenter: What about the kitchen? Is that modern too?
Harry: No, that's more traditional. I don't cook, so I left the kitchen design to my wife. Now it looks as if we have two separate houses. It's nice, but you go from a modern, bright living room to a dark, old-fashioned kitchen. People always ask me when I'm going to have the kitchen done, so I have to tell them that it's been done already!

SKILLS TEST 5A/5B, MODULE 5

6 Exercise 2

1
Sales assistant: Can I help you?
Customer: I'm just looking, thanks. These scarves are nice.
Sales assistant: Try this one. It goes with your coat.
Customer: It's very big.
Sales assistant: You put it on like this. Start on the left shoulder, then over to the right, and round. That's right. Very nice.
Customer: It's lovely. How much is it?
Sales assistant: Twenty euros.
Customer: Great, I'll take it.

2
Mum: They're nice boots.
Boy: Yes, I got them from the internet.
Mum: Maybe dad and I will get some.
Boy: Er, well, they're not really your style. I saw some nice boots in town for you.
Mum: For a present?
Boy: No, I haven't got any money. In fact, I was wondering if you could buy me a T-shirt as an early birthday present.

3
Shop assistant: Hello, can I help you?
Customer: I've got this sweater from your shop. Can I change it?
Shop assistant: What's wrong with it?
Customer: Nothing really. It was a present from my aunt.

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Shop assistant: Oh, I see. Is it too small? Aunts often seem to forget that teenagers grow.
Customer: No, it fits perfectly. It's just not my style. I haven't worn it or washed it, so it hasn't shrunk or anything.

Shop assistant: Right. Do you want a refund or to change it for something else?

4

Woman: Are you ready?

Man: Yes, just putting on my coat.

Woman: That old thing? You can't wear that. One day I'm going to throw it away.

Man: It just needs a wash.

Woman: It's lost its shape and most of the buttons are missing. Put this blue coat on.

Man: I don't like it.

Woman: It's smart, that's what's important. Please. For me.

Man: Okay, but you won't throw this one away?

Woman: No, you can wear it - but not when you're with me.

5

Boy 1: Shopping centres look sad when they're closed.

Boy 2: This shop does. It's a real shame it isn't still a sports shop.

Boy 1: Yes, it was great and amazingly cheap.

Boy 2: And now it's just another expensive clothes shop.

Boy 1: Who buys things in these places?

Boy 2: I've no idea. People who like paying £80 for a pair of jeans.

6

Customer: I'd like to return this shirt. It's got a hole in it.

Shop assistant: Have you got a receipt?

Customer: Yes. Here.

Shop assistant: Oh! This is for a different shop.

Customer: Oh, sorry. It's here somewhere. Here it is. Echo Fashions. That's you, isn't it?

Shop assistant: Yes, that's us ... Oh.

Customer: What's wrong?

Shop assistant: You bought this shirt three months ago. We only give refunds for one month after you've bought something.

SKILLS TEST 6A/6B, MODULE 6

7 Exercise 2

Today on *Our Heroes*, I'd like to talk about Eric Blair, better known to most of us as George Orwell. Orwell was born into a privileged family. His father worked for the Indian Civil Service and Orwell was born in India. He went to school in England and worked as a police officer in Burma. Eventually he left the police and became interested in the problem of poverty. This led to two famous books: *Down and Out in Paris and London* and *The Road to Wigan Pier*. Orwell didn't just watch the people he wrote about; he lived with them and shared their experiences.

In 1936 Orwell read about the war in Spain between the Nationalists and the Republicans. He left for Spain on December the twenty-third 1936 and fought for the Republican side. At one point he was shot and badly hurt, and he finally left the country in June 1937. You can read about his experiences in Spain in his book *Homage to Catalonia*.

Orwell was too ill to fight in the Second World War. He spent the war years writing and making radio programmes for the BBC in India. His two most famous books came out soon after this. Both showed his dislike for the Soviet Union under Stalin. The first was *Animal Farm*. In this book, the farm animals have a revolution and take over the farm from the humans. At first, they are all equal, but soon the pigs become the leaders. In the end, they are as bad as the people they have replaced and they even start walking on two legs. The other book was *1984*. In this book, people are watched all the time by a leader called Big Brother. He tells them that he is looking after them but he is really watching them and controlling them. They are two of the best novels ever written.

So, to sum up, I chose Orwell as my hero for several reasons. I love his honesty and his wonderful writing. I also admire the way he campaigned against poverty and fought for what he believed in.

SKILLS TEST 7A/7B, MODULE 7

8 Exercise 2

Are you looking for a thrilling time? Do you like exhilarating but safe activities? Would you like to spend two weeks in one of the most beautiful countries on Earth? Then come with us on an adventure tour to Thailand.

We are pleased to offer you this tour to the Lampang area of Thailand, 700 kilometres north of the capital Bangkok, very close to Burma and Laos. The tour starts on June 15th and finishes on the 29th, just before the school holidays start. That makes it perfect for young people in work but without children, because flights are cheaper and airports are less crowded.

You will fly out from Gatwick airport. The airport is 50 kilometres south of London and there are trains from London to the airport every fifteen minutes. You will be met at check-in by our friendly, experienced guides who will be with you for the whole journey. At Bangkok airport, there will be a comfortable modern bus waiting to take you to Lampang, but don't worry, you'll have plenty of chances to get off and walk around as the bus will stop five times on the way at local beauty spots.

In Lampang, we have our own well-equipped camp, where you will sleep in four-bed rooms with three other people. There is a television room, a canteen and a gym for those who still have energy left over at the end of the day.

We offer four activities: BASE jumping, high-lining, kayaking and hang-gliding over the rain forest. That means you will have three days for each activity. There are sixteen places in total on the tour, but each activity will be for a maximum of four people with an instructor so that you get a lot of training and attention.

The price of the holiday is just £2,400, which includes the flight, accommodation, all activities and two meals a day. It doesn't include lunch, but food in the local towns is great and very cheap.

Because of the limited number of places on the tour, we recommend you book soon. And if you book before the end of February, there is a discount of 10 percent: that's just £2,160 for the most amazing two weeks you will ever have in your life!

SKILLS TEST 8A/8B, MODULE 8

9 Exercise 2

Speaker 1: I really worry about the environment, and every time we have another lesson about it at school I worry even more. I've tried to persuade my parents to do more to help, but they don't really listen to me. The problem is that it's easy to be lazy. I recycle, but there are lots of other things I could and should do.

Speaker 2: I never believed climate change was a problem, so I didn't do much about helping the environment even when others tried to persuade me. Then last week, we had to do some homework about environmental problems. I started looking at websites and the more I read, the more I understood. Now, everything is so much clearer to me.

Speaker 3: There are climate change and environment lessons at school but only for Year Ten and older. I'm in Year Nine. I know climate change is a problem, but I'm not sure exactly what causes it or how. I know I could look it up on the internet but it's too easy to start playing games or writing messages. I can't wait for next year when we start having the lessons.

Speaker 4: We've had a lot of lessons at school about climate change and the environment. Every time we have one, my friends try to persuade me to change my way of life. It doesn't matter what they say, I don't listen. The whole idea of climate change just doesn't worry me. I think it's just nature and there's nothing we can do about it.

Speaker 5: I've always been interested in the environment. My parents belong to an environmental group and they taught me a lot when I was young. Their group persuades people to do things like use public transport or recycle more. I do as much as I can. I switch off machines, recycle as much as possible and cycle everywhere.

Speaker 6: We've had climate change lessons in school since Year Six, so that's four years of lessons for me. Recently my school had a 'switch off' campaign. We went to classes of younger students and talked to them about why they should switch machines off when they aren't using them. It was great and a lot of students told me that they had changed their behaviour because of us.

SKILLS TEST 9A/9B, MODULE 9

10 Exercise 2

Presenter: Today we have Arlene Philips here to talk about a very special school in the United States. It's called the New Vista High School and it's in Boulder, Colorado. Arlene was a student there ten years ago and she now teaches at a different school in Boulder. Welcome, Arlene. Do you have children at the New Vista school?

Guest: Not yet, but I hope they'll go there when they're older. The New Vista opened in 1993, so it's not very old. It has three main aims. Firstly, to educate students in traditional subjects. Secondly, to find out what students are interested in and help them develop these interests. Thirdly, to prepare students to be good citizens. The school is small, with only 350 students in total, but it offers a great variety of subjects. That way all students should be able to find something that interests them. Class sizes are kept as small as possible although the actual number varies from about fifteen to over thirty depending on the popularity of the subjects. As well as normal lessons, students have to do a 120-hour project. This can be on anything they like, but it must have some educational benefit. Another activity is Community Experience. On Wednesdays, lessons stop at midday and in the afternoon students do something to help the community.

Presenter: Voluntary work?

Guest: Exactly, but it doesn't have to be with people you traditionally do voluntary work for. Students can work in a restaurant or a shop or even help teachers in other schools. If students don't want to take part in the Community Experience, they can attend workshops and learn about cooking, film-making and many other things. There are extracurricular activities on other days too. For example, students can do various sports. Of course, sports are competitive, but the school believes it is more important for students to understand the value of team work and honesty.

Presenter: And to be good losers.

Guest: Exactly. Yes. To smile and be happy for the winners. Students can also suggest clubs that they'd like to attend, and if enough students are interested, the club will be opened. Some students attend a different club every day.

Presenter: Thank you very much, Arlene. It sounds like a great school and I'm sure we'll get lots of phone calls from listeners wanting to ask you more questions.

SKILLS TEST 10A/10B, MODULE 10

11 Exercise 2

Interviewer: Good morning. Come in and sit down.

Girl: Thank you.

Interviewer: You're Ann ... er ...

Girl: Simons. Ann Simons.

Interviewer: Ah, yes. Is that Ann with an 'e' or without?

Girl: Without.

Interviewer: Right. So, tell me a little about yourself, Ann.

Girl: Well, I'm seventeen years old and I go to Broad Street High School. At the moment, I'm studying for my A levels. I'll be taking them next year. I'm interested in sport ...

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Interviewer: What sports do you play?

Girl: Well, I was in the school basketball team until last year. I also do a lot of swimming and running.

Interviewer: Excellent. Have you ever had experience of working with children?

Girl: Yes. At our school, Year Twelve and Year Thirteen students help out one afternoon a week with Year Seven or Year Eight classes. I've been helping out with PE classes on Wednesday afternoons.

Interviewer: So, you do that every Wednesday, do you?

Girl: Not every Wednesday. We help out for three weeks, and then on the fourth week we have a meeting with a teacher. We discuss what we've done and what we'd like to do for the next three weeks. Then if we like, we help out for another three weeks, and it goes on like that for the whole year. So I help Year Seven and Year Eight students three times a month.

Interviewer: That sounds like a great idea. Now, are there any questions you'd like to ask about the job?

Girl: Yes, could you tell me about the students in the camp?

Interviewer: Yes. There will be a total of a hundred students, all aged between seven and eleven. These will be split into five groups. Each group of twenty students will play two sports a day and they'll have two trainers looking after them for each sport.

Girl: So, will two trainers look after the same students all the time?

Interviewer: No, it's better if the trainers concentrate on one or two sports. That way, they'll get to know all the students in the camp.

Girl: What are the working hours?

Interviewer: Well, almost twenty-four hours a day. You'll eat with the students, do sports and help to organise evening activities. There will be ten of you, so you can have an evening off if you ask the other trainers and they say yes.

Girl: It sounds great. When will I know if I've got the job?

Interviewer: Well, I can tell you that now. If you'd like to work with us, we'd be happy to offer you a job.

Girl: Great! Thank you.

SKILLS TEST 11A/11B, MODULE 11

12 Exercise 2

Good morning. Today, we're going to start by looking at one of Hollywood's greatest directors, Billy Wilder, who died in 2002 at the age of ninety-six. In a career that lasted for fifty years, he directed over sixty films and won seven Oscars, two of them for best director. He really became famous in 1944 for his film *Double Indemnity*, a great example of 'film noir', a dark thrilling story of murder and detective work. The film was nominated for seven Oscars, but in the end, it didn't win any. That year the Oscar for best picture and best director went to a musical comedy starring Bing Crosby. Maybe this is the reason why Billy Wilder then moved on to directing comedies.

Perhaps his most famous film, *Some Like It Hot*, came out in 1959. Again, it didn't win any Oscars, but many people think it was the funniest film ever made. At the time, though, it shocked a lot of people. It starts with two musicians who see a gangland murder and have to escape from the killers. To do this, they dress up as women and join an all-girl band on a train to Miami. The lead singer of the band is Sugar Kane, played by Marilyn Monroe. The final line in the film, 'Nobody's perfect', is written on Wilder's grave stone. The next year, Wilder had even more success with another comedy, *The Apartment*. This time the film won three Oscars: best picture, best director and best original story. Again, the plot doesn't seem to be that of a comedy at first. The hero, played by Jack Lemmon, works in a large office and falls in love with a girl who works there. However, she is in a relationship with Jack Lemmon's boss, a married man. She tries to kill herself, but Lemmon saves her and looks after her over Christmas. By New Year's Eve, she is back with the boss and Jack Lemmon has left his job because of her. Only at the end does she realise who she should be with. Billy Wilder definitely deserved an Oscar for making such a dark storyline into a romantic comedy.

Both *Some Like It Hot* and *The Apartment* starred Jack Lemmon. Wilder and Lemmon made seven films together and theirs was one of the greatest movie partnerships in cinema history. We're now going to look at why ...

SKILLS TEST 12A/12B, MODULE 12

13 Exercise 2

Speaker 1: I've been a keen photographer for years and often go in for competitions. I liked my old camera and I actually won a few prizes with it. I certainly wasn't going to spend a lot of money on a new one. Then on my birthday, my friends at work got together to buy me a new one. It was lucky, as a few weeks later I dropped my old one and broke it.

Speaker 2: Last Saturday I got home and realised I'd lost my phone. I had no idea where it was, and my parents said I'd have to buy a new one myself. Then half an hour later, someone phoned my mum and told her they'd found my phone. I was so pleased that I got on a bus immediately and got it back.

Speaker 3: I got my first computer when I was eight. It was my parents' old computer and I didn't use it much. Now I've got a netbook. I love it because it's so easy to take on holiday. We go camping for two weeks every year and my parents always say I should leave my netbook at home, but I simply must have it with me - even on the most interesting holiday.

Speaker 4: I don't often get ill, but when I do I usually get better quickly. My parents take aspirins when they get ill, but I prefer not to take them unless I've got a really bad headache. But I often think that my headache would have gone just as quickly even if I hadn't taken them.

Speaker 5: My uncle gave me a compass for my birthday a few years ago. I thought it was a boring present, so I put it away in my cupboard. Then last week, my uncle took me and my cousins sailing. I had the compass with me and I was showing it to my cousins. My uncle suddenly asked me to find south using the compass. I had to admit I didn't know how to use his present.

Speaker 6: We had a discussion at school about the most important invention ever. We couldn't choose the invention we had to talk about. Our teacher gave us one each to research on the internet. I wanted to talk about the wheel but my friend got that. I got plastic. I know it's a very useful invention, but the wheel would have been easier.

SKILLS MID-YEAR TEST A/B

14 Exercise 1

1

Girl: What are you making?

Boy: Something for Kate.

Girl: It looks nice.

Boy: It's delicious, but I'm a bit worried.

Girl: Why?

Boy: Well, I wanted to make her something healthy because she's on a diet, but the recipe was complicated, so I decided to do this.

Girl: But it's great.

Boy: I know, but it's full of fat, sugar and calories. It won't do her diet much good,

2

Boy: Hello, are you going on holiday?

Girl: No, why?

Boy: Those big bags you've got.

Girl: Oh, these. They're Maria's. She's just moved into her own flat, but it isn't very big. I've had some new cupboards built in my bedroom so I told her I could keep these things for a while.

Boy: Are the cupboards nice?

Girl: They're great. It feels as if I'm in a new room.

3

A: Wow! Look at Johnny's hair.

B: I know. I couldn't believe it when I saw him earlier.

A: What happened?

B: Well, first he decided it wasn't a good idea to look like a punk. Then he thought about becoming a Goth. But finally he decided to get a summer job because he wants to earn some money.

A: He looks good as a normal person. I wonder if he'll join another urban tribe when the summer is over.

4

Boy: This is a great day.

Girl: I know. I'm really glad I came. It's the first time I've been.

Boy: Well, last year was the first time the event had ever taken place.

Girl: Did you come last year?

Boy: Yes, I had a great time. I hope they do this every year.

Girl: I'm not sure they will. It costs a lot of money. Let's just enjoy it and hope.

5

Boy: It's funny how some people become heroes.

Girl: I know. We're learning about a woman called Constance Lytton in history. A hundred years ago, she took part in a demonstration for women's rights. It was a crime then, but thanks to people like her, women's lives now are much better.

Boy: What happened to her?

Girl: She was sent to prison four times.

6

A: My French pen friend came to stay in the summer.

B: Emile? Wow. You showed me his photo. He looked great, really well-built and handsome.

A: In the photo.

B: What do you mean?

A: He didn't really look like that. He'd sent a photo of his brother.

B: So he wasn't good looking?

A: Not really. He was well-dressed, but he wasn't handsome and he was terribly skinny, not well-built and muscular at all.

SKILLS END OF YEAR TEST A/B

15 Exercise 2

Ladies and gentlemen, I am here today to talk to you about the Ecolabel. There is no law that says you need to have this label, but I would like to explain why it is a good idea for businesses in the European Union and also for the environment.

The Ecolabel is a simple picture of a flower and it shows your customers that you care about the environment. This will help you to sell more products or services. The label has been used since 1992 on a total of twenty-six different kinds of products and services, from cleaning products and clothes to holiday accommodation.

At the moment, more Italian companies use the label than those of any other country. In fact, there are 359 Italian companies that use the label. The country in second position is France, with 244 French companies using the label.

Now let's look at some Ecolabel products and services and find out why they are environmentally friendly. The first product we are going to look at is the Micro-Star All in One Personal Computer. This computer uses less energy than other personal computers and it is also made of natural materials that are easy to replace. This means the computer has a longer life than most other computers. When it does finally stop working, it is easy to recycle its parts. Finally, the batteries it uses are less polluting than normal batteries.

EcoSabatini shoes also carry the Ecolabel. They are stronger than other shoes, so they last longer. The EcoSabatini company has its own laboratories in Italy and its scientists test all the materials used to make the shoes. Everything they use is clean and safe for the environment.

Finally, let's have a look at an example of tourist accommodation with the Ecolabel. The Benwiskin Hotel in Ireland was built in the old village school house. Solar panels are used to heat the hotel and provide hot water, and there are notices everywhere reminding guests to save water and energy. The hotel also has a list of walking paths near the hotel and it is possible to rent bicycles there.

So that is the sort of product and service that can use the Ecolabel. Why not get an Ecolabel for your products? Help the environment and increase your sales at the same time.