

Reading Comprehension (total 30 points)

The following words and expressions are underlined in the text. For each one find a synonym from the box and write it next to the word. (./10)

1. sharply (line 2) _____
2. poach (line 6) _____
3. plants (line 8) _____
4. as a whole (line 19) _____
5. have a say (line 24) _____
6. comply (line 24) _____
7. rife (line 30) _____
8. put off (line 36) _____
9. barely (line 38) _____
10. keen (line 43) _____
11. let (line 43) _____
12. lowlier (line 47) _____
13. are loth (line 50-51) _____
14. assertive (line 55) _____
15. cosset (line 60) _____
16. dole out (line 64) _____
17. stick around (line 65) _____
18. lure (line 62) _____
19. albeit (line 62-63) _____
20. no wonder (line 69) _____

protect
agree
stay at home
enthusiastic
give
on average
less important
rent
hardly
self-confident
don't want
significantly
attraction
even
steal
it's not surprising
factories
contribute to a decision
widespread
discouraged

2. The following words are UNDERLINED in the text. What do they refer to? (./5)

a. local workers (line 8-9) Where from?

b. the Italian figure (line 20-21) Give the full Italian figure.

c. There (line 28) Where? _____

d. strangers (line 44) Where from? _____

e. so is the climate (line 67) . The climate is what? Like what? _____
