# English on the air الانجليزية على الهواء 15

## Comprehension 4

#### Today's Reading:

 Psalm 65: 7-13: Earth-Tamer, Ocean-Pourer, Mountain-Maker, Hill-Dresser, Muzzler of sea storm and wave crash, of mobs in noisy riot— Far and wide they'll come to a stop, they'll stare in awe, in wonder. Dawn and dusk take turns calling, "Come and worship." Oh, visit the earth, ask her to join the dance! Deck her out in spring showers, fill the God-River with living water. Paint the wheat fields golden. Creation was made for this! Drench the plowed fields, soak the dirt clods with rainfall as harrow and rake bring her to blossom and fruit. Snowcrown the peaks with splendor, scatter rose petals down your paths, all through the wild meadows, rose petals. Set the hills to dancing, dress the canyon walls with live sheep, a drape of flax across the valleys. Let them shout, and shout, and shout! Oh, oh, let them sing!

### قراءة اليوم:

• مزمور 65: 7-13: المهديء اضطراب البحار، عجيج الأمواج، وضجيج الأمم. يخاف الساكنون في الأماكن البعيدة من آياتك العجيبة. فإنك تجعل مطالع الصبح ومغارب المساء تترنم تعهدت الأرض وجعلتها تفيض غيثا، فأخصبتها مجرى نهر الله دافق بالماء فتفيض الأرض بالمحاصيل تروي أتلامها (خطوط المحراث) وتسوي روابيها، فتلينها وتبارك غلتها كللت السنة بجودك، وآثار صنائعك تفيض خصبا تموج مراعى البرية بالخير، وتكتسى التلال بالبهجة تتغطى المروج بالقطعان، وتتوشح الوديان بالحنطة، فيهتف لك الكل  $_{\scriptscriptstyle 4}$  فرحا وتسبيحا

### Vocabulary مفردات ومعاني

#### الطبيعة / Nature

| Air     | هواء         | Field  | حقل   |
|---------|--------------|--------|-------|
| Beach   | شاطئ         | Flower | زهرة  |
| Branch  | غصن          | Forest | غابة  |
| Brook   | جدول / غدير  | Grass  | عثب   |
| Bush    | شجيرة / أجمة | Gravel | حصی   |
| Cloud   | سحابة / غيمة | Ground | أرض   |
| Country | ريف          | Hill   | تنة   |
| Desert  | صحراء        | Island | جزيرة |
| Dirt    | وحل (قذارة)  | Lake   | بحيرة |
| Dust    | غبار         | Land   | أرض   |
| Earth   | أرض          | Leaf   | ورقة  |

#### الطبيعة / Nature

| Log      | قطعة خشب/حطب | Sea    | بحر        |
|----------|--------------|--------|------------|
| Meadow   | مرج          | Shade  | ظل         |
| Moon     | قمر          | Shadow | ظل         |
| Mountain | جبل          | Shore  | شاطئ/ساحل  |
| Nest     | عشّ          | Sky    | سماء       |
| Ocean    | محيط         | Soil   | تربة       |
| River    | نهر          | Star   | نجمة       |
| Rock     | صخرة         | Stone  | حجر        |
| Roots    | جذور         | Stream | تيار، جدول |
| Sand     | رمل          | Sun    | شمس        |
| Seed     | بذرة         | Tree   | شجرة       |

### Grammar القواعد

#### **Basic Coordinating Conjunctions**

- A coordinating conjunction is a word which joins together two clauses which are both equally important.
- A clause is a unit which contains a subject and a verb. For example, "It was raining".
- Every sentence MUST contain at least one clause, but it may contain more than one.
  For example: It was raining, so I took my umbrella.

#### **Basic Coordinating Conjunctions**

| Conjunction | Function  | Example  |
|-------------|---|--|
| and         | joins two similar ideas together                      | He lives in Egypt, and he studies at MEU.            |
| but         | joins two contrasting ideas                           | Amgad is Egyptian, but Sally is English.             |
| or          | joins two alternative ideas                           | I could cook some supper, or we could order a pizza. |
| so          | shows that the second idea is the result of the first | She was sick, so she went to the doctor.             |

#### **Using Coordinating Conjunctions**

- There are three things to remember when using coordinating conjunctions:
- Coordinating conjunctions join independent clauses. Each clause must be a "complete thought" which could be a sentence on its own.
- With coordinating conjunctions, put the conjunction in the middle. You may see some sentences starting with "but" or "and", but this is usually wrong, so it's best to avoid it.
- With coordinating conjunctions, use a comma unless both clauses are very short.

#### **Idioms:**

| Idiom               | Meaning   |  |
|---------------------|---|--|
| Reach for the moon  | If you <b>reach for the moon</b> , you are very ambitious and try to achieve something even if it's difficult. "Jenny is talented and ambitious; she always tends to reach for the moon." |  |
| Come rain or shine  | If a person does something <b>come rain or shine</b> , they do it regularly, whatever the circumstances. "He goes to the gym club every day, come rain or shine."                         |  |
| Once in a blue moon | If something happens once in a blue moon, it occurs very rarely. "Bill has very little contact with his brother. They see each other once in a blue moon."                                |  |