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| <b>Title:</b> | Mangroves | <b>Level:</b> medium |
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| <b>Text:</b>                       | <p>Yumiko spent a few days in Okinawa this month, experiencing the delights of the exotic islands located south of the Kyushu mainland.</p> <p>Dodging the approaching typhoon, she did kayaking through the mangroves, which is a shallow area of coastal water with low level trees and shrubs, usually found in tropical or subtropical areas.</p> |
| <b>Discussion:</b>                 | Have you done water sports or activities?   |
| <b>Words and usage:</b>            | <p>Tropical and subtropical areas</p> <p>The tropics are the region of the Earth nearest to the Equator. The sub-tropics are the zones, North and South of the Tropics, which are slightly cooler.</p>  |
| <b>Resources:</b>                  | <p><a href="https://translate.weblio.jp">https://translate.weblio.jp</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com">Oxford Dictionaries. http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com</a></p> <p><a href="https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org">The British Council website. https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org</a></p>          |
| <b>Practice idea:</b>              | Describe an exotic place you have either been to or would like to go using five clues. At the end, ask the listeners to guess where it is.  |
| <b>Listening link:</b>             | <p><a href="#">Mangroves - audio</a></p>    |
| <b>Quiz Me! Conversation card:</b> | <p><b>Card number E5 below is from the new Student Starter pack, available at <a href="http://englishbooks.jp">englishbooks.jp</a>, <a href="http://Amazon.com">Amazon</a> and <a href="http://Rakuten.com">Rakuten</a> from November/December 2017.</b></p>       |