### Morning Starters: Summer 2 - Nature and Mental Health

#### Word Challenge

An antonym is a word that has the opposite meaning of another word. For example, the antonym of 'up' is 'down'.

Write the antonym of each word that is underlined in the 'Did you know?' paragraph.

# **Grammar Challenge**

# Copy and complete the sentence below.

Surrounded \_\_\_\_\_, I felt a deep sense of calm wash over me.

#### Example:

Surrounded by the chorus of birdsong and the scent of fresh pine, I felt a deep sense of calm wash over me.

#### Did You Know?

Focusing on your breath is a simple and <u>effective</u> way to feel <u>calm</u>. Try the following mindful breathing technique: <u>Inhale</u> slowly through your nose, hold for a moment and exhale gently through your mouth. Watching videos of a <u>beautiful</u> pond with ripples, lilies and dragonflies while practicing this breathing can help <u>reduce</u> stress. Breathing deeply is like giving your mind and body a much-needed hug!



Credit: BBC Two - Springwatch

#### Number Challenge

A resting child breathes 18 times per minute.

At this rate, how many breaths will the child take ...

1) in 5 minutes?

2) in 1 hour?

3) in 1 day?

#### Critical Thinking

# Draw something that makes you feel calm.

(As you draw, breathe in slowly through your nose and out through your mouth.)