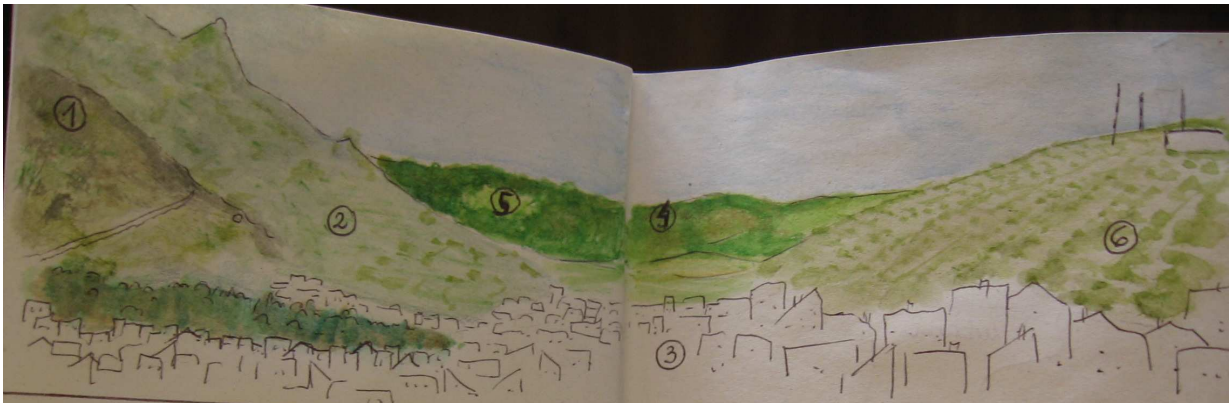## UNIT 5: THE SOLID EARTH

LANDSCAPES AROUND OUR TOWN

Dear language assistant,

The aim of this class is to practice the description of landscapes. We are working about landscapes around our city. We can use pictures or, better, we can go to a high place inside the city.

First, you can show the different landscapes: steep drops, shrubland, urban area, wood, meadow and olive grove. They can draw the view on page 66, exercise 30. Then, when you are sure the students understand it, you can complete the following chart (exercise 31).

	LOCATION	ROCKY TERRAIN	SLOPE	VEGETATION	HUMAN ACTIVITIES
STEEP DROP ① (tajos)	East	Yes limestones	Very steep slope	Scarce vegetation	No (Maybe climbing)
② SHRUBLAND (matorral)	East North	Yes	Steep slope	Bushes	Shepherding (goats)
③ URBAN AREA (zona urbana)	S,E,W in the foreground	No clay sandstones	Flat and gentle slopes	Scarce vegetation	Houses, schools, shops ...
④ WOOD (bosques)	South in the background	No	Gentle sloped	Trees "oak cork trees"	Getting cork
⑤ MEADOW (prados)	South	No	Gentle sloped	Grass	Cattle raising (cows)
⑥ OLIVE GROVE (olivar)	West	No	slope	olive trees	Olive to make olive oil

LANDSCAPE	LOCATION *	ROCKY TERRAIN?	SLOPE	VEGETATION	HUMAN ACTIVITIES
STEEP DROP (tajos)	**East** (where the sun rises)	**Yes** (Very rocky. The type of rock is called limestone "caliza")	Very **steep slope**	**Scarce vegetation**	**No** economical activity (perhaps somebody climbig)
SHRUBLAND (matorral)	**East and North**	**Yes** (The same type of rock although sometimes it's hidden by vegetation)	**Steep slope**	**Bushes**	Shepherding (some **goats**) **Hiking** (walking by the mountains)
URBAN AREA	South, East and West **in the foreground.**	**No** (We can see rocks in the old part of Ubrique but most of the village is built on soft terrains made up of clay and sandstone)	**Gentle slopes and flat areas**	**Very scarce vegetation** (there are few gardens and few trees in Ubrique's streets)	**Buildings, shops, schools...**
WOOD (bosque)	**South**, in the background	**No**	**Gentle slopes**	**Trees** (They are oak cork trees "alcornoques")	**Getting cork** (They pull out the cork in Summer, each 10 years)
MEADOW (prados)	**South**	**No**	**Gentle slope**	**Grass**	**Cattle** (mainly cows)
OLIVE GREEN (olivar)	**West**	**No**	**Slope**	**Olive trees**	Getting olive for making olive oil (althoug most of the olive trees we see near Ubrique are abandoned)

* From our viewpoint, left is East, right is West, back is North and South is forehead.

If there are some minutes left you can check the students understand the chart asking questions: Where is the olive grove? Are there rocks in the shrubland? What about the slope on the left? Is vegetation scarce or dense in the woods? And so on.

Thank you