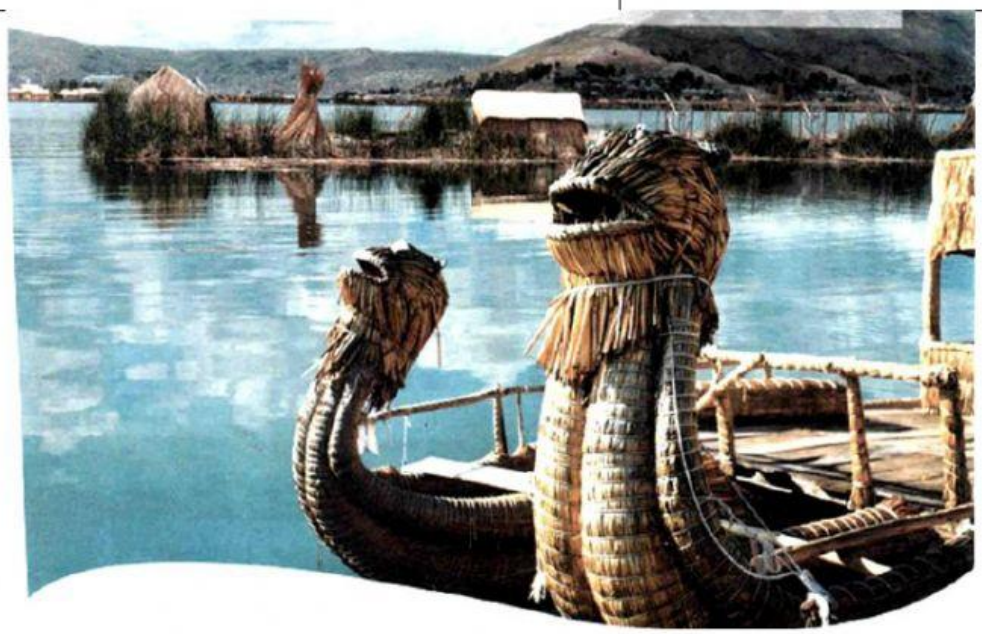
Spotlight 5

Reading Task 5914



The Floating Islands of Lake Titicaca

What is it like having a different view from your window every day? Well, it's just like this for the Uros people of Lake Titicaca in Peru. There are over forty 'floating' islands here. Every day they are in a different place on the lake which is 3,812 metres above sea level.

These floating islands are home to about 300 people. Their surface is very soft and wet because they make the islands with totora reeds. There are small villages with three to ten families on each island.

Uros homes are small reed huts with one room. There is only one bed for the whole family. There isn't any heating and it is sometimes very cold on the lake.

Life on the islands is very simple. The men are fishermen on the lake. They have reed boats with amazing animal faces to go fishing. The women are at home with the children. There's one school for the children but there isn't a hospital or doctors nearby.

These days, the islands are very popular with tourists. It's only a 30-minute motor-boat ride from the city of Puno to the islands. Everyone is welcome to experience this unique way of life!

Read the text and mark the statements
True (1), False (2), Not Stated (3).

1. The Uros people live on a lake.
2. The islands of the Uros are man-made.
3. The first islands appeared 300 years ago.
4. Uros homes have only two rooms.
5. It's usually cold on the lake.
6. Uros men make boats for fishing.
7. The boats have amazing faces.
8. Uros children don't go to school.
9. Tourists travel to the islands by car.
10. Tourist usually like to spend a night on the floating islands.

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