

UNIT 4: LIFE ON EARTH

Read the passage and complete the exercises.

Family wanted to live on an island

The owners of a small Scottish island are looking for a new family to live there. The Isle of Muck, which is only 4 km long, is one of the smallest islands in Scotland. It's only got 16 houses and a population of 30 people!

Life on the island is quieter than in most places. There aren't many facilities: there's no post office on the island and there's only one shop. As for entertainment, there's one café, but it isn't open in the evenings! Technology lovers might have a problem because there isn't any electricity between 11am and 5pm. Its location also means it isn't easy to use your mobile phone.

The Isle of Muck has other attractions, however. It's the most beautiful place you can imagine, with white sandy beaches and clear sea. There's lots of wildlife, including seabirds and dolphins. It's also possibly the friendliest and safest place in the world. The last crime happened here in the 1960s, and nobody locks their doors!

The residents of Muck hope that the chosen family will play an active part in island life. The most important thing, however, is that they have children, so that they can attend the island's primary school. It's only got eight pupils at the moment and they'd like it to be bigger!



COMMENTS:

I can't think of anything worse than living on a small island. Imagine seeing the same people all the time! And what do they do there in the evenings?
cityboy

It's true that islands are more boring than cities, but city people aren't as friendly as island people. Island life is also healthier than city life!
Lara17

Exercise 1: Answer True or False to the statements below.

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| 1. The Isle of Muck is the smallest island in Scotland. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 2. Life in the island is less noisier than in most places. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 3. There is a shop, a café and a school on the island. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 4. The café on the island is suitable for people who love technology. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 5. The island has a lot of wild animals. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 6. The secondary school on the island has less than 10 pupils. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 7. The island is suitable for nature lovers. | TRUE | FALSE |

Exercise 2: The words in the box are from the passage. Complete the sentences with suitable answer from the choices given.

beaches	sea	island	seabirds	dolphins	wildlife
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8. _____ are not fish – they are actually mammals and they give birth to their young.
9. A(n) _____ is a piece of land surrounded by water.
10. We have a responsibility to take care of our beautiful _____ so that they are free from rubbish and pollution.
11. Tigers, pygmy elephants and sambar deer are some of the _____ found in the jungles of Malaysia.
12. Every summer the _____ will come to this part of the shore to feed.
13. The _____ water tasted salty.