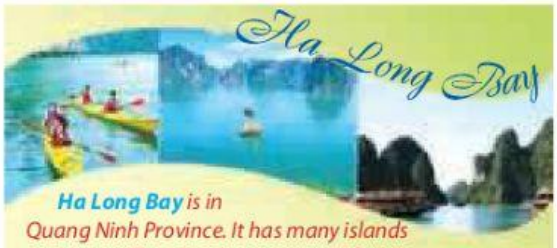
SKILLS 1

Reading

1 **Before you read, look at the pictures below and make predictions about the text. Then read and check your ideas.**

1. Where is the passage from?
2. What is it about?
3. What do you know about the subject?



***Ha Long Bay** is in Quang Ninh Province. It has many islands and caves. The islands are named after things around us! In the bay you can find Rooster and Hen Island (Trong Mai Island) and even Man's Head Island (Dau Nguoi Island). You must take a boat ride around the islands – it's essential! Tuan Chau is the biggest island in Ha Long Bay. There you can enjoy great Vietnamese seafood. You can watch traditional dance. You can join exciting activities. Ha Long Bay is Viet Nam's most beautiful natural wonder.*



Hue is the oldest city in Central Viet Nam. It's near Da Nang, but it's more interesting than Da Nang! It also has the most famous river in Central Viet Nam – the Perfume River. You should take a trip on the river, and you must visit the Imperial City. There you can find museums, galleries, and temples. It's Hue's greatest attraction. But many people travel here just for the cuisine – the food is really good. It's rainy in Hue, so remember to bring an umbrella!

Study Skills

Using a dictionary - Guessing words in context

- Before you look up a word in a dictionary, try to guess its meaning in its context.
- Look at the whole sentence. Also look at the sentences before and after.
- Look at the pictures and any other information that may help.

A: What is a "boat"?
B: It is transport we can use on water.
boat (n): something that travels on water

2 **Find these words in the passages in 1, then check their meaning.**

essential activities attraction cuisine

3 **Read the following sentences. Then tick (✓) true (T) or false (F).**

		T	F
1.	In Ha Long Bay, some of the islands look like people or animals.	☐	☐
2.	Boat rides around the bay are not much fun.	☐	☐
3.	Ha Long Bay is the number one natural wonder in Viet Nam.	☐	☐
4.	The Imperial City is an attraction in Da Nang.	☐	☐
5.	Many people know of the Perfume River.	☐	☐

4 **Now answer the following questions.**

1. Where is Ha Long Bay?
2. What must you do in the bay?
3. Which part of a trip to Hue is more important – a visit to the Imperial City, or a trip on the river?
4. Why does the writer say 'the food in Hue is really good'?

Speaking

5 **Work in pairs. Make notes about one of the places in the brochure. Use the information in the text and your own ideas.**

6 **Tell your partner about the place.**

Ha Long Bay	Hue

7 **Your friends are visiting your town. Think about what they must and mustn't do while they are there. Role-play the conversation in groups.**

Things they must do/bring: _____

Things they mustn't do/bring: _____

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