Listening

1) 33 **Listen to the biography of the American gangster Al Capone. Choose the correct words in the summary.**

Al Capone was born in (1) **Italy** / **New York**. In 1920, he moved to (2) **New York** / **Chicago** with his wife and (3) **daughter** / **son**. He became involved in gangs and he began to sell (4) **cigarettes** / **alcohol** illegally. Eventually Al Capone went to prison. He spent (5) **four** / **14** years at Alcatraz. Al Capone died when he was (6) **48** / **78**.

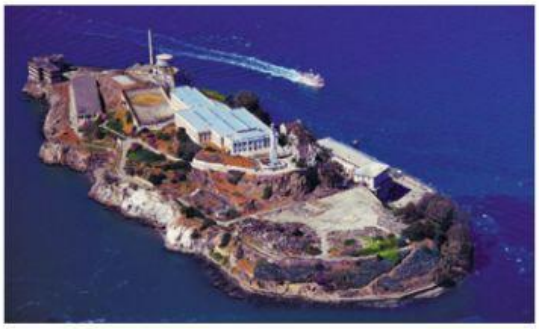
Reading

2) **Read the text. Where is Alcatraz?** **a) in the USA b) in England c) in Canada**

Alcatraz: from Prison to Peace Centre?

Alcatraz was probably America's most famous prison. Its convicts included the notorious gangster Al Capone. Now, the island of Alcatraz is a national park, but the Global Peace Foundation is trying to change the old prison into a Peace Centre. However, many people think that Alcatraz is too important in American history to destroy.

Alcatraz was a prison for 29 years. When it opened, people said that it was impossible to escape from. There were 14 escape attempts, but most of the criminals that ran away did not survive. In 1962, three prisoners escaped through a tunnel. They were wearing their blue prison uniforms, and they made a small boat to cross the water. Alcatraz is only one mile from San Francisco, but the water is very cold and there are sharks. Did the prisoners escape? Nobody knows. They simply disappeared.



The following year, the prison closed. Native Americans went to live on the island, and they stayed there for two years. Now, Native Americans sometimes celebrate special days on the island of Alcatraz, including Thanksgiving. But most people will always remember Alcatraz as America's most high-security prison.

3) Chose the right answer to the following statements.

1. Alcatraz is a well known prizon.

a) true b) false c) not stated

2. Al Capone wasn't a well known prizoner.

a) true b) false c) not stated

3. The Global Peace Foundations is transformating the old prison into a Peace Center.

a) true b) false c) not stated

4. There were 1557 convicts in Alcatraz.

a) true b) false c) not stated

5. It was imposible to escape from Alcatraz.

a) true b) false c) not stated

6. Spanish Americats went to live on the island after the prison had closed.

a) true b) false c) not stated

7. Alcatraz is known as the most highly security prizon in the USA.

a) true b) false c) not stated

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