Reading

Whitby

Have you ever heard of Whitby? It's a seaside town in Yorkshire, in the north-east of England. Thousands of tourists visit it every year, but what brings them here? Why do they want to come to this place? There are lots of reasons.

First, Whitby has some lovely old buildings. The oldest of these is a ruined abbey. It is more than a thousand years old and it is very interesting. To get to the abbey, you have to climb hundreds of steps, and you get very tired, but you won't be sorry. The abbey is at the top of a high cliff and you can look down at the sea from there. The view is amazing.

Whitby has a beautiful harbour and you can see lots of boats there. Tourism is important to Whitby, but fishing is also very important. You can eat some of the best fish and chips in the world while you are looking at the fishing boats. Some people come to Whitby because they want to walk along Cleveland Way. This is a long path, and people walk along it to the top of the cliffs. You can look down and see the waves on the rocks below you. This wild, dramatic place is sometimes called the Dinosaur Coast because people have found many dinosaurs here.

In 1841 someone discovered a fossil crocodile! Whitby is also famous for another reason. Bram Stoker, the famous writer, came here on holiday in 1890. He thought Whitby was fantastic, and he wrote about it in his book *Dracula*.

In the book, Count Dracula is in a ship on his way to London. Strange things have happened on the voyage, and people have disappeared. Then there is a storm and the ship is wrecked on the rocks near Whitby. Dracula arrives in the town, not as a man, but as a terrifying black dog. So what do you think? Would you like to visit Whitby one day?

1 Read the article. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

1 Whitby is in the south-east of England. ____
2 Whitby is popular with tourists. ____
3 Some tourists come to Whitby to see its beautiful buildings. ____
4 There are hundreds of steps inside the abbey. ____
5 The abbey is near the sea. ____
6 Bram Stoker wrote *Dracula* in Whitby. ____

2 Complete the sentences. Use one, two or three words in each gap.

1 You can see ..... at the harbour in Whitby.
2 You can eat very tasty..... at the harbour..
3 Someone found a fossil ..... on the Dinosaur Coast in 1841.
4 Bram Stoker visited Whitby in ..... .
5. He thought …… was fantastic.
6. Strange things have happened ..... .

3 Put the sentences into right order

1 Tourism is important to Whitby
2 Thousands of tourists visit it every year
3. In the book, Count Dracula is in a ship on his way to London.
4 The oldest of these is a ruined abbey. I
5 Dracula arrives in the town, not as a man, but as a terrifying black dog.
6 Some people come to Whitby because they want to walk along Cleveland Way.

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1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

4 Answer the question.

1 What is Whitby?

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2 Why do the tourists want to come to this place?

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3 Why is this wild, dramatic place sometimes called the Dinosaur Coast?

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4 Who was on holiday in 1890?

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5 Who was Dracula?

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