



The Giant's Causeway

## Listening A podcast

**1** Work with a partner. Look at the photo. What can you see? Do you think this was made by a giant, by humans or by nature? Why?

**2** **2:15** Listen to the podcast. Are these sentences true or false?

- 1 The causeway is artificial.
- 2 The podcast gives three different explanations for the causeway.
- 3 The presenter prefers the second theory.

**3** **2:25** Listen again and choose the correct options.

- 1 The Giant's Causeway is in Northern Ireland / Scotland.
- 2 The tallest columns are over 12 / 20 metres high.
- 3 Local legends say there was once an Irish giant called Finn McCool / Benandonner.
- 4 This giant wanted to walk / swim 70 miles across the sea to Scotland.
- 5 Finn wanted / didn't want to fight Benandonner.
- 6 Finn had a baby son / dressed up like a baby boy.
- 7 Benandonner thought that the baby was dangerous / Finn was enormous.
- 8 Scientists say the columns were formed 16 / 60 million years ago.

## Vocabulary Linking phrases

**4** **2:32** Complete the sentences from the podcast with the phrases in the box. Then listen and check.

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then again according to in order to so that

- 1 This can't have formed naturally! But, *then again*, humans can't have built it either. It's just too big!
- 2 .... local legends, long, long ago, giants lived in the Celtic lands of Ireland and Scotland.
- 3 Finn didn't like water, so, they say that .... swim across, he ...
- 4 ... may have built an enormous causeway .... he could walk across the sea.
- 5 ...., 70 miles away, on the west coast of Scotland, similar steps lead out of the sea and back to land.
- 6 .... trick Benandonner, she dressed Finn up as a baby.
- 7 But, ...., there is another explanation.
- 8 Scientists say that the causeway exists .... a series of violent volcanic eruptions.

### Your turn

**5** Make a list of all the legends you know. They could be from your country or anywhere in the world.

*the kraken – a giant sea creature*

**6** Choose one of the legends from Exercise 5 and write a short text. Use linking phrases from Exercise 4.

*According to legend, the kraken lived off the coast of Norway. It attacked ships in order to take them to the bottom of the sea.*

