



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 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 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 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.