

Read the article. Decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

Three things to do before you leave the planet!

1 Visit Tuvalu

Tuvalu in the Pacific Ocean is the fourth- smallest country in the world. Sadly, it's also only 4 metres above sea level at its highest. Because of the rise in sea levels, Tuvalu might be the first country to disappear under the waves. The islands are a paradise of beautiful tropical beaches and palm trees. Why don't you go there before they disappear? Take a plane from Fiji, stay in one of Tuvalu's four guest houses and have a drink in its one bar. Go now, before it dies.

2 See the world's largest flower

Go to the jungles of Borneo or Sumatra and find the world's strangest plants, *Rafflesia*. For most of its life, the plant is invisible and hard to find. But to find it is amazing. It grows into the world's largest flower. It can be one metre across and weigh 10 kilos. And it smells terrible! However, it only lasts a few days. You'll be lucky to see one.

3 Find happiness

Why do some people live perfectly happy lives while others find life hard? The answer might be in our genes – some people are born happy. Lucky them, I hear you say! Don't worry, there's still a lot you can do, for example: help other people, make lots of friends or change your job. Or learn about how people live in Denmark. It's the only European country where people are happier than they were 30 years ago. Why? Go and find out!

- 1 Tuvalu is a country of islands. TRUE FALSE
- 2 There are lots of places where you can have a beer or a fruit juice. TRUE FALSE
- 3 *Rafflesia* grows in deserts. TRUE FALSE
- 4 It isn't very easy to find. TRUE FALSE
- 5 You can't learn how to be happy. TRUE FALSE
- 6 People in Denmark were sadder thirty years ago . TRUE FALSE

Read the text again and underline the correct answer, a, b or c.

1 Tuvalu is one of the smallest countries

- a)** on our planet
- b)** in the Atlantic Ocean
- c)** less than 4 metres high

2 There are not many on Tuvalu.

- a)** beaches
- b)** palm trees
- c)** places to stay

3 The *Rafflesia* flower

- a)** is heavy
- b)** has a beautiful smell
- c)** is very easy to find

4 People see a *Rafflesia* flower.

- a)** are unable to
- b)** think it's lucky to
- c)** hardly ever

5 can make us happier people.

- a)** Being lucky
- b)** Our genes
- c)** Moving to a new house

6 To become happier you need to

- a)** move to Europe
- b)** do things for other people
- c)** stop working