Family wanted to live on an island

The owners of a small Scottish island are looking for a new family to live there. The Isle of Muck, which is only 4 km long, is one of the smallest islands in Scotland. It's only got 16 houses and a population of 30 people!

Life on the island is quieter than in most places. There aren't many facilities: there's no post office on the island and there's only one shop. As for entertainment, there's one café, but it isn't open in the evenings! Technology lovers might have a problem because there isn't any electricity between 11am and 5pm. Its location also means it isn't easy to use your mobile phone.

The Isle of Muck has other attractions, however. It's the most beautiful place you can imagine, with white sandy beaches and clear sea. There's lots of wildlife, including seabirds and dolphins. It's also possibly the friendliest and safest place in the world. The last crime happened here in the 1960s, and nobody locks their doors!

The residents of Muck hope that the chosen family will play an active part in island life. The most important thing, however, is that they have children, so that they can attend the island's primary school. It's only got eight pupils at the moment and they'd like it to be bigger!

COMMENTS:

I can't think of anything worse than living on a small island. Imagine seeing the same people all the time! And what do they do there in the evenings?
cityboy

It's true that islands are more boring than cities, but city people aren't as friendly as island people. Island life is also healthier than city life!
Lara17

DID YOU KNOW?
There are 787 islands in Scotland.

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owner facilities location sandy wildlife dolphin lock

Reading
An online news article

1 Look at the pictures. Can you guess what country this island is in?

2 1.50 Read and listen to the article. Then copy and complete the notes.

Name of island: (1) ...
Country: (2) ...
Size: (3) ...
Number of people: (4) ...
Facilities: shop, (5) ..., school

3 Write two positive things and two negative things about living on the Isle of Muck.

Positive ☺	Negative ☹
1 beautiful place	5 not many facilities
2 lots of wildlife	6 not much entertainment
3 ...	7 ...
4 ...	8 ...

4 Compare your town or city with the Isle of Muck. Write three differences.

There are a lot of shops in my town.

FINISHED?
Read the article and the comments again. Which comment do you agree with? Why?
I agree with cityboy because ...

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