

LISTENING SCRIPT

Exercise 1.

Presenter: You will hear a college lecturer calling the office on Redcliffs Island, where people can see birds in their natural habitat.

Woman: Hello, I'm calling because I'd like to bring a group of students to visit the island in July.

Reception: OK. For a day visit, or were you hoping to stay overnight?

Woman: if possible, for the night.

Reception: OK. Have you brought groups to the island before?

Woman: No.

Reception: Let me give you some general information. The reason I want to do that is because the island is a protected bird sanctuary, so we don't want anything on the island that might harm them. You'll need to bring your own food with you, all tightly sealed in plastic bags.

Woman: Is that because you don't want us to bring any insects with us, like ants or wasps?

Reception: Well, yes, but we're also concerned about mice. We don't want them jumping into a box full of sandwiches and then out again when they've reached the island. They eat the birds' eggs.

Woman: OK. What medical facilities do you have on the island?

Reception: That's a good point. There's only a basic first aid kit – antiseptic, bandages and so on. So if anyone is unlucky enough to have an accident, apart from minor cuts and bruises, you need to let the Chief Ranger know as soon as possible, and he will contact the emergency services.

Woman: Right. I'll remember that. Does the ferry to the island only run twice a day?

Reception: Yes, and it takes about 40 minutes. Don't forget, when everyone gets off the ferry, and before they start walking up to the information centre, they'll need to remove any dirt from their shoes. There are plenty of brushes they can use – and some cleaning spray. It's important they do this. Otherwise people could accidentally bring dirt onto the island, which could contain bacteria that might affect the plants.

Woman: The students are all keen to look after the environment, so I'm sure they'll take that seriously. And, students are allowed to camp, is that right?

Reception: Well, only in the field near the information centre. They aren't allowed to put up tents anywhere they like.

Woman: And what about fires?

Reception: I'm afraid not. They would frighten the birds.

Woman: Oh, that's a shame, but I understand your reasons why. When we come, do we get a guide to show us around?

Reception: Yes, one will be allocated to your group.

Woman: And will they take us to see the caves? Some students are really keen to go.

Reception: The caves? Yes, that's possible. But I should just let you know that there was a big storm recently. This resulted in the path leading down to the cave entrance being blocked by falling trees, and we haven't cleared them away yet. This means you need to climb down a ladder into the caves. It's not very far, and it doesn't take long.

Woman: That sounds like quite an adventure!

Exercise 3.

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There are three interesting places on the island that I really recommend. The first place is somewhere with amazing flowers. To get there, first look for the right-hand path at the information centre. Take it and follow it for about five minutes. You'll eventually need to go through a tunnel. After that, you'll see a big, beautiful field.

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The second place is a spot where you can get some great views. Take the left-hand path from the information centre until you reach a point where the path splits into three. Head south, and follow the path along the coastline for about five minutes. Eventually, you'll come to a place where you can see a large rock in front of you, about 100 metres out to sea, and that's where you'll get the best views.

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And thirdly, my favourite place on the island, use the path going west from the Information Centre. Keep going all the way, and avoid any choices to go left or right. You'll find yourself at an old railway line. From there, it's just a short walk north to the lake.

Exercise 5.

Presenter: You will hear the Chief Ranger on Redcliffs Island, a place where people go to see birds in their natural habitat, welcoming a group of students.

Hello, I'm Nathan Jones, the Chief Ranger on Redcliffs Island. I hope you all had a good trip over on the ferry. Um, there are lots of things to do and see here, and I'll just tell you briefly how to find your way around. So, we're all standing here in front of the Information Centre – and you can see there are two paths leading off to the rest of the island – one on the left, and one on the right.

Now, there are many different types of bird on the island, and we put food out for them at the feeding stations twice a day. So if you want to see pretty much every species of bird, you should head for the feeding stations. To get there, follow that path on the left of the Information centre. It'll take you along the coastline, and then you'll come to a point where the path divides into three. Take the path on your right, and keep going. You'll soon find yourself sort of walking around in a circular direction– but the path eventually leads to the feeding stations – right in the centre of the island.

If you're feeling a little thirsty, perhaps you might want to walk to the café. It's a fairly straightforward route. From here, the Information Centre, follow the right-hand path. You'll come to a short tunnel, and once you've gone through it, you'll have a choice of two paths. Take the one on the right, which heads east, and follow it round until it takes you up to the café. It's on the left hand side of the path, not on the side facing the ocean. It doesn't do food, I'm afraid, so I hope you've all brought your snacks with you.

If you're feeling energetic, I'd recommend a walk to the lighthouse. Take the left-hand path from the Information Centre, go along the coastline until you get to the point where the path splits into three. This time, take the middle option. It'll take you in a mainly north direction, across an old railway line, and finally up to a small lake. The lighthouse is to the west of the lake. You can climb to the top and enjoy a marvellous view of the island.

All right, I imagine that some of you are keen to visit the caves. This time, take the left-hand path and keep going left – all the way past the enormous rock you can see out in the ocean, until you come to a fork in the path. Take the one off to your left – and then it's just a short walk from there. If you reach the railway crossing, you've gone in the wrong direction! Do take a torch with you to look at the caves properly.

The other place that's definitely worth a visit is the seal observation point. To get there, take the path on the right of the Information Centre, go through the tunnel – then go left, and you'll find yourself on a winding path, which eventually leads up to the observation point. It's directly opposite the enormous rock in the ocean where the seal colony lives. We have a lot of baby seals at the moment – so get your cameras ready.

I hope you all enjoy your visit.