

## 8.4 Reading

**Discuss the questions in pairs.**

- 1 Have you ever been to a national park?
- 2 Tell your partner:
  - where you went
  - when you went there
  - what you saw.



**The Farne Islands** are a small group of islands off the north coast of England. They are home to hundreds of species of birds. Today, the islands are uninhabited, although conservationists and birdwatchers sometimes stay there. The islands are also popular with scuba divers due to the amount of shipwrecks in the area. Many centuries ago the islands were inhabited by monks and hermits. One of the most famous, St Cuthbert, made laws to protect the birds in 687 and these are believed to be the oldest bird protection laws in the world.



**Uninhabited**

**Amount of -  
количество**

**A conservationist -  
активный борец за  
охрану природы**



**Shipwrecks**

**Due to - из-за,  
благодаря**



**A hermit  
(отшельник)**



**A monk**



**Laws**



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Фарн – это дом для сотен видов птиц.

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Острова необитаемые.

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Острова популярны среди скуба дайверов благодаря большому количеству останков кораблекрушений.

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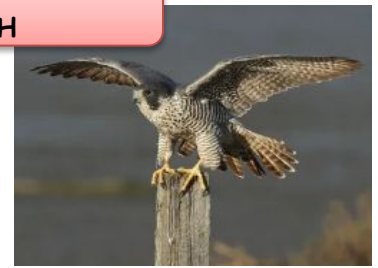
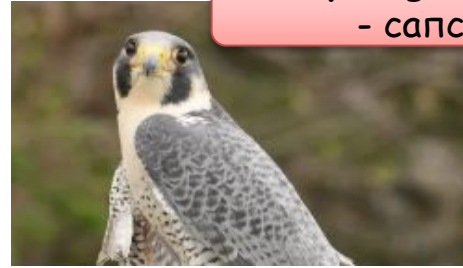
Святой Кутберт создал законы по защите



The **peregrine falcon** is a large falcon known for its speed – it can reach over 320 kilometres per hour. It can be found in most parts of the world. It is a bird of prey and feeds mostly on smaller birds and mammals such as mice, rats and squirrels. The peregrine has been used in hunting for thousands of years because it is relatively easy to train. Nowadays, falcons are also sometimes used to scare away birds at airports so they don't hit the planes.



**The peregrine falcon**  
- сапсан



**To be known for**  
- быть  
знаменитым чем-  
либо



**To reach over 320**  
km per hour



**A squirrel**



**Mammals -**  
млекопитающиеся



**To scare away**  
- отпугивать



**A prey - жертва**

Сапсан знаменит своей скоростью.

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Это хищная птица.

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**The Tour de France** is one of the most prestigious and difficult international cycling tournaments in the world. It began in 1903 and has been held every year since apart from during the two World Wars. It is a team event, with nine riders in each team. It usually lasts twenty-three days and ends in the Champs-Élysées in Paris. The cyclists cover around 3,500 km in different stages. After each stage, the rider with the lowest time overall gets to wear the special yellow jersey.



**A tournament -**  
соревнования



**Yellow jersey**



**Cycling tournament**

**Stage - этап, период**

**The lowest time overall**  
- наименьшее общее  
время

**To cover - покрывать**

**Apart from - помимо**

Prestigious and difficult tournament

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Соревнования длятся 23 дня.

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После каждого этапа им позволяют надеть желтую майку.



In pairs, look at the photos and the headings in the texts on page 101 and answer the questions. Then read the texts and check your answers.

- 1 Where are these national parks?
- 2 What do you think you will be able to see there?

Farne Islands Nature Reserve

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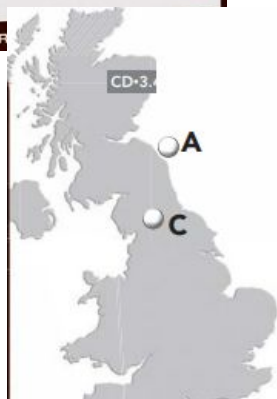
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HELP US KEEP OUR



## YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK

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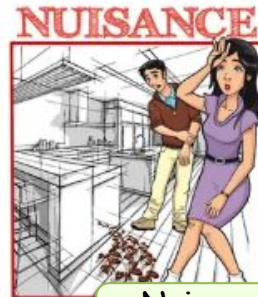
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Fear



Cooperation



Nuisance -  
досада

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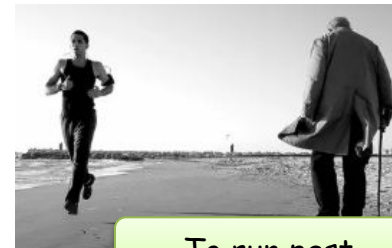
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A truly wild animal



To run past



Ice pool, ice bridges



A helicopter



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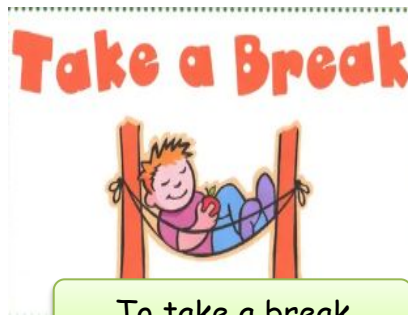
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A rare bird (редкая)



To take a break



A birdwatching



A route





3 Read the texts again. Are the statements right (R), wrong (W) or do the texts not say (DS)?

- 1 In the Nature Reserve it is all right to give fish to the seabirds. W
- 2 It is quite normal for seabirds to be afraid of people. R
- 3 Ellen saw wolves while she was walking in the National Park. W
- 4 Ellen has visited this park once before. DS
- 5 A mountain in North America has names in two languages. R
- 6 The pubs in the Yorkshire Dales are well-known all over the world. DS
- 7 A famous sports event once took place in the Yorkshire Dales. R

4 In pairs, take turns to tell your partner which of the places from the texts you would like to see and why.

*I would like to see ... because ...*

5 Match the words in blue in the texts with the definitions.

- 1 birdwatching (n) – observing wild birds as a hobby
- 2 nuisance (n) – someone or something that annoys you or causes problems
- 3 rare (adj) – which you don't see very often; unusual
- 4 original (adj) – the one which existed first, at the beginning
- 5 take a break (phrase) – have a holiday
- 6 fear (n) – an emotion when you are afraid of something
- 7 glacier (n) – a very large area of ice that moves slowly down a mountain valley
- 8 cooperation (n) – agreement to do what someone wants you to do

rare

nuisance

fear

cooperation

take a break

original

glacier

6 Complete the sentences with prepositions from the texts.

- 1 When I have to spend hours on a bus, I (read a long book).
- 2 I like (playing the piano) and I can do it for hours.
- 3 On my way to school, I walk past (the zoo).
- 4 (Pandas) have a natural diet of (bamboo).
- 5 (Human food) is not good for wild animals.
- 6 I love (travelling) and I'm very interested in (visiting new places).
- 7 I'm fit, but I don't have the legs for (cycling up mountains).
- 8 Let's go to (the beach) – we can relax by (the sea) and have a swim.

7 Look at Exercise 6 again. Change the words in brackets to make true sentences. Then tell the class.

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8 Complete the collocations with adjectives from text C.

- 1 an incredible place
- 2 breathtaking landscapes
- 3 lovely, peaceful countryside
- 4 picturesque villages
- 5 the amazing Yorkshire Dales
- 6 a very special place

- 9 In pairs, make notes about a national park or nature reserve under the headings below.

**Place:**

(The Lake District) is in (North West England).

**Landscape:**

There is/There are ...

**Wildlife:**

... live there.

**Activities:**

You can ...

**Adjectives:**

It's a (really) ... place.

## Nouns and adjectives

	NOUN	ADJECTIVE
1	nature	<u>natural</u>
2	danger	<u>dangerous</u>
3	peace	<u>peaceful</u>
4	character	<u>characteristic</u>
5	beauty	<u>beautiful</u>
6	picture	<u>picturesque</u>
7	importance	<u>important</u>

- 10 In pairs, tell the class about the national park you chose. Use your notes from Exercise 9.



## 8.4 Reading

Flat

Well-signposted

Coast

Inland

Steep

Have a good head  
for heights

A BETTER  
PLACE

Well-signposted

Steep

Have a good head  
for heights

2

Inland

4

Coast

6

Flat

## 8.4 Reading

Flat

There are plenty of signposts and the information they give you is clear and easy to follow

Well-signposted

Away from the coast

Coast

Not afraid of being high above the ground

Inland

Not going up and down

Steep

A road, hill, etc, that is steep slopes at a high angle

Have a good head for heights

The area where the land meets the sea

Incredibly clear air

used for saying that something is very difficult to believe:

- Невероятно, никто не пострадал в несчастном случае.

Enthusiastic

showing enthusiasm:

- Ты не выглядишь в восторге от вечеринки, ты не хочешь идти вечером?

Magnificent

very good, beautiful, or deserving to be admired:

- Великолепный вид.
- Они живут в великолепном доме.

Demanding

needing a lot of time, attention, or energy:

- Она очень требовательный ребенок.
- Ответственная работа/разговор



## Hiking in Finland

I've just come back from Finland. My friends from university invited me to join them on an eight-day hike. The walk is called The Bear Trail and it is in the Oulanka National Park in north-eastern Finland. It's a beautiful walk through forests and across rivers and lakes. We stayed at campsites and carried clothes, food and tents on our backs. I'm not the fittest person in the world but I was able to finish. I loved the incredibly clear air, the beautiful views and the sounds of nature. In my opinion, it is perfect for anyone who wants to start long-distance walking as it is almost completely flat and well-signposted. Just try not to fill your backpack up with things which you won't need.



## Camino di Santiago

It was the walk of a lifetime. 800km from the south of France, over the Pyrenees mountains and across northern Spain to Santiago de Compostela. It all started so well. The path up to the Pyrenees was magical and it was good to meet other people doing the same walk. Everyone was enthusiastic about the walk ahead. But in Spain, the route often followed roads. It was noisy and monotonous, with unchanging views for hours and hours. More and more people joined the walk. They were generally friendly but it wasn't the experience I expected. I'd like to go back to the Pyrenees and hike there again but I'll stop there next time.



## The GR20, Corsica

Corsica is a magnificent island with some wonderfully picturesque walks along the coast and inland. But, for walkers, it is famous for the GR20, Europe's most difficult long distance walk. It goes from north to south and up and down from two hundred metres to over 2,200 metres above sea-level. The frighteningly steep and rocky paths are beautiful but very demanding. Our guides will help you to complete the whole 180km in fifteen days. The price includes transport, accommodation in tents and food. You should be in good health with experience of mountain walking and a good head for heights. No climbing experience is necessary.



Read the texts and decide if the sentences are right (R), wrong (W) or if the text doesn't say (DS).

- 1

The Bear Trail takes just over a week to complete.

T
- 2

The hiker in Finland swam in a lake during the walk.

DS
- 3

Walking the Bear Trail is good for beginners.

T
- 4

The walker in Spain was disappointed by the experience.

T
- 5

This walker wants to repeat only the Spanish part of the walk.

F
- 6

Text 3 is an advertisement.

T
- 7

The Corsican walk is fine for people who have never walked in mountains before.

F

Choose the correct meaning A or B for the underlined adjectives in the text.

**Magical**

- Amazing, wonderful
- Strange, frightening

**Enthusiastic**

- Extremely tired
- Feeling or showing a lot of interest and excitement

**Monotonous**

- Dangerous
- Boring

**Magnificent**

- Beautiful, wonderful
- Very big

**Demanding**

- Unattractive and boring
- Difficult to do

## Choose the correct words.

The Isles of Scilly are a <sup>1</sup>*magical* / *demanding* / *enthusiastic* place with clear, blue sea and yellow beaches. It is the perfect place to relax. Teenagers who are looking for an exciting nightlife may find a holiday here quite <sup>2</sup>*demanding* / *magnificent* / *monotonous* as there isn't a lot to do. Most people love the islands and some people decide to move here after a holiday. My parents did it before I was born. I'm glad. I go to a school with ten other children. Our teacher is very *enthusiastic* / *magnificent* / *monotonous* and always tries to make our lessons interesting. She also gives us a lot of <sup>4</sup>*enthusiastic* / *demanding* / *magnificent* tests so we have to work hard.

My favourite island here is Tresco. It has a *magnificent* / *monotonous* / *demanding* tropical garden with beautiful flowers from all over the world. You should come here. You'll love it.



to move here

to try to make lessons interesting

may find a holiday monotonous

a perfect place to relax

to work hard

all over the world



## REMEMBER THIS

Adverbs often show the speaker's attitude to what they are describing:

**incredibly clear** – *extremely clear*

**completely flat** – *totally flat, with no hills*

**generally friendly** – *usually friendly*

**wonderfully picturesque** – *beautifully picturesque*

**frighteningly steep** – *so steep that it is really scary*



Read **REMEMBER THIS**. Complete the second sentence with an adverb and an adjective so that it has a similar meaning to the first.

- 0 The town centre was quiet, which is unusual on a Saturday afternoon.  
On Saturday afternoon, the town centre was unusually quiet.
- 1 The exam was difficult. It was terrible!  
The exam was **terribly difficult**.
- 2 Our local river is polluted. It's horrible.  
Our local river is **horribly polluted**.
- 3 Climate change is happening quickly. It's very frightening.  
Climate change is happening **frighteningly quickly**.
- 4 The fish near the coral reef were very colourful.  
The colours were incredible.  
The fish near the coral reef were **incredibly colourful**.



Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in capitals.

- 0 The environment is important for all of us. Why don't people care more about it? **IMPORTANCE**
- 1 This path is very dangerous. Don't walk along it alone or in bad weather. **DANGER**
- 2 This was a picturesque and before they built all these hotels. **PICTURE**
- 3 Oh, wow. That looks absolutely beautiful. Where is it? **BEAUTY**
- 4 We stayed in a very peaceful town. In fact, it was quite boring. **PEACE**
- 5 We stayed on a magical Greek island with the characteristic white houses that you see on all the postcards. **CHARACTER**
- 6 Of course I'm scared of heights. It isn't natural to be so high up on a path which is about 50 cm wide! **NATURE**

To care

Alone

In fact

To be scared of

Magical Greek island