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All About Islands

Subject Area

The Natural World

Topics & Curriculum Links

types of island (Geography)
 how islands form (Geography)
 places and countries (Geography)
 oceans and continents (Geography)
 plant and animal classification (Science)
 parts of the body (Science)
 dangers in the environment (Geography; Civics)
 protecting plants and animals (Science; Civics)
 tourism (Civics; Geography)
 types of weather (Science)
 weather and changing climates (Science; Geography; Civics)
 man-made islands (Science; Technology;
 dates and events (History)
 quantities and measurements (Mathematics)

Vocabulary

places; forms of water; plants; animals; parts of the body;
 food; fruit; transportation; weather; seasons; buildings;
 numbers; measurements; countries; continents

Grammar

present simple; present continuous; past simple; future
 simple; present perfect; question forms; imperative;
 passive; adjectives; prepositions; adverbs

Teaching Ideas

See also [pages 6–7](#) for general ideas that you can adapt.
 Or go to www.oup.com/elt/teacher/readanddiscover

READ & TALK An Island Presentation

After completing Project 2, students present their island to the rest of the class. They can describe the island, or other students can ask questions related to the topics on page 53 of the Reader, for example: *What is the island's name? What continent/ocean is it in? What amazing animals/interesting plants live there? How is the weather? What type of island is it? When did people arrive on the island?* Posters can then be displayed together, organizing them by type of island, or by continent.

READ & TALK An Island Quiz

Choose one of the islands from the Reader, and without saying its name, read out one fact about it and ask students to guess which island it is. Read out more facts, one at a time, until students guess the correct island. You can use a point scoring system, for example, five points after one fact, three points after two facts, etc. Students can then do this in small groups or pairs.

READ & TALK An Island Debate

Students work in small groups. Ask each group to choose an island that they would prefer to live on. Ask students to think of all the advantages of living on this island. Then ask each group in turn to present their arguments, and any group can argue back with arguments against. Give a prize for the most convincing argument!

Activities Answers

Page 36–37 1 1 North America 2 Australasia 3 Asia 4 South America
 5 Antarctica 6 Europe 7 Africa 2 1 false 2 true 3 true 4 true 5 false
 6 false 3 1 More than 70% of Earth's surface is water. 2 Less than
 30 % of Earth's surface is land. 3 Sometimes waves move sand to
 form islands. 4 Volcanoes under the ocean can form new islands.
 5 Some valleys and mountains can form new islands. 6 Solenodons
 live in Hispaniola. 4 **Example answers** 1 An island is a piece of land with
 water all around it. 2 There are thousands of islands. 3 free answers
 5 free answers

Page 38–39 1 1 no 2 yes 3 yes 4 yes 5 yes 6 no 7 yes 8 yes 9 no 10 no
 2 1 from top to bottom – 5 6 1 4 3 2 3 1 300 2 2 3 1 4 17,500 5 6,000
 4 1 Lava from a volcano under the ocean. 2 Some of the Canary Islands.
 3 In warm volcanic ash. 4 Because the soil is fertile. 5 Rice and
 tropical fruit. 6 free answers

Page 40–41 1 1 sea turtle 2 coconut 3 jellyfish 4 coral 5 starfish 6 crab
 2 1 true 2 false 3 false 4 true 5 false 6 true 3 1 animal 2 reefs 3 islands
 4 jellyfish 5 bamboo 6 towers 4 1 They push sand over a reef.
 2 All the colors of the rainbow. 3 Because they are very poisonous.
 4 With its legs. 5 On the island of Mauritius. 6 Because there weren't
 any other animals that hunted it.

Page 42–43 1 1 jumping spider 2 woolly rat 3 tree kangaroo
 4 Galapagos tortoise 5 Komodo dragon 6 lemur 2 1 lemur
 2 tortoises 3 kangaroo 4 Komodo dragon 5 woolly rat 6 spider
 3 1 Indonesia 2 Madagascar 3 Pacific 4 Indian 5 New Guinea
 4 1 Because it's full of water. 2 To eat the leaves of trees. 3 The Komodo
 dragon. 4 To help it move in the trees and to communicate with
 other lemurs. 5 free answers

Page 44–45 1 Pacific Ocean – Anuta, Atlantic Ocean Tristan da Cunha,
 Indian Ocean – Socotra, Pacific Ocean – Easter Island 2 1 reptile
 2 bird 3 reptile 4 fruit 5 fruit 6 bird 7 reptile 8 fruit 3 1 cold, windy
 2 fishermen 3 English 4 airport 5 telephones 4 1 Because they are
 the families of the people who first came to the island. 2 It had big
 forests and a lot of birds. 3 They wanted the special red juice to
 use as a medicine. 4 It can change color. Its eyes can look in two
 different places at the same time.

Page 46–47 1 1 Greenland 2 New Guinea 3 Borneo 4 Madagascar
 5 Baffin Island 6 Sumatra 7 Honshu 8 Britain 2 1 false 2 true 3 true
 4 false 5 true 6 false 3 1 live 2 swim 3 fly 4 are 5 smell 6 eat
 4 1 So they can walk easily in the snow. 2 Seals 3 South Island,
 New Zealand 4 An insect – the heaviest insect on Earth. 5 It makes
 a horrible smell. 6 Wombat.

Page 48–49 1 1 Burma 2 rice 3 China 4 Japan 5 parks 6 Korea 7 reeds
 2 1 Odaiba Island is about 150 years old. 2 Intha men can row
 with their legs. 3 Burj Al Arab is one of the tallest hotels in the world.
 4 The Incheon bridge is more than 20 kilometers long. 3 1 Sometimes
 people build cities on man-made islands. 2 The Intha people build
 houses on stilts. 3 There are hotels, stores, and homes on Palm
 Jumeiral. 4 Kansai was the first airport on a man-made island.
 5 Five airports in Japan are on man-made islands. 4 1 Because there
 isn't enough land. 2 Stores, restaurants, parks, and apartments.
 3 The clear blue ocean. 4 321 meters. 5 free answers

Page 50–51 1 1 warmer 2 ice, higher 3 islands 4 kill 5 dies 6 tourists,
 life 2 1 India, Bangladesh, Thailand, Norway 2 Maldives, Svalbard
 3 Pacific, Indian, Arctic 3 1 coral 2 protect 3 danger 4 seed 5 species
 6 warm 7 levels 8 area 9 storms 10 ice 11 oil 12 land The secret word
 is conservation. 4 free answers