

# ① Reading: Scotland's islands

<p><b>Isle of Skye<sup>1</sup></b>          Beautiful, historical, magical! Visit the Isle of Skye for a week and lose your heart forever. Cross the Skye Bridge to get to the island, where you'll see the famous Cuillin<sup>2</sup> Hills. Spend some time here and enjoy their beauty and spectacular views of the island, its countryside and its wildlife. Skye is a great place for birdwatching. People have been living on the island for thousands of years and you can see signs of Skye's past everywhere around you; from dinosaur footprints<sup>3</sup> to Stone Age stone circles to castles of more modern times.          When you come to Skye, you discover the real Scotland. Of the 9,000 people who live on Skye now, about 3,000 speak Gaelic. Find out more about the Gaelic culture at the Aros Centre in Portree<sup>4</sup>, Skye's biggest town.</p>	<p><b>Orkney<sup>5</sup></b>          Not one but 70 beautiful islands! Nature, food, art, music and, of course, a friendly welcome are just some of the reasons people have been coming to Orkney for thousands of years. Of course, not all of those who came were welcome! If it's history you are interested in, Orkney is the place to visit. Some of the most important Stone Age villages in the whole of Europe are here on Orkney. Visit Skara Brae<sup>6</sup> to see how Stone Age man lived. Orkney is the island for outdoor people. The cliffs, hills and coastline are spectacular and the wildlife is fascinating. If you visit in June or July, you will have time to enjoy everything about the islands as the days are so long and it never really gets dark. Come and enjoy the history and the magical atmosphere of these beautiful islands.</p>
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1 **Isle of Skye** [aɪləv 'skaɪ] | 2 **Cuillin** [ku:lɪn] | 3 **footprint** ['fʊtprɪnt] Fußabdruck | 4 **Portree** [pɔtri] |  
 5 **Orkney** ['ɔkni] | 6 **Skara Brae** [skærə 'breɪ]

a)

<i>Read the sentences. Are they true for Orkney or Skye or both?</i>	<b>Skye</b>	<b>Orkney</b>
1. This is a great place to enjoy nature.		
2. You can visit historical places.		
3. Here you can learn more about a Scottish national language.		
4. Find out how people lived in the Stone Age.		
5. Come here for short nights.		
6. You don't need a boat to come here.		

b)

*Read the text and compare what is mentioned about Skye and Orkney under the headings below.*

	<b>Skye</b>	<b>Orkney</b>
Geography / Nature		
History		
Culture		