

10th form.

I Listen to the dialogues

1. In a street
2. In an internet café
3. At home
4. In the cinema
5. In a classroom

II. Read the texts.

1. **A country profile**
2. **A false stereotype**
3. **The wildlife of the country**
4. **The national sporting event**

5. **A talisman for luck**
6. **Opportunities for different sports**
7. **The modern side of the country**
8. **Useful in many ways**

A. Thanks to television and films, Scotland is often seen by the rest of the world as a magical country, a land of misty mountains and the home of a lake creature called Nessie. This is the image most people have in mind. The truth, however, is completely different from the way the world thinks of Scotland. You may be surprised to find out that most Scots live in the lowlands and don't believe in Nessie.

B. Scotland is much more than green hills and picturesque valleys. It's dynamic and cosmopolitan, with a colourful history of invention and innovation. It's the home of big businesses and a centre of new medical and scientific development. Each year, it hosts the world's biggest contemporary arts festivals. Scotland is an exciting place to live in, particularly for a young person

C. Scottish heather, a small bush with flowers, is the floral symbol of the country. The colour of the flowers usually varies from purple to lilac, but they can also be white. In the past, the Scots believed that they would never be captured by enemies and would win victories if they wore white heather. Today, when getting married, girls add white heather to bouquets to bring fortune to their family.

D. Heather has grown in Scotland as far back as its history goes. This has turned it into a kind of household good. Heather honey is rich in minerals, and was traditionally used in medicinal drinks. Thousands of years ago, dried heather was used to make perfumes, and the tough stems were used to make ropes. On many of the northern Scottish islands, heather played a major role in the construction of houses.

E. Scotland is an excellent destination for open-air activities all year round. Its lakes and coastline are ideal for boating and rowing and have some of the best sea-

kayaking in the world. The rivers are perfect for fishing and the mountains are wonderful for hill climbing and skiing. Scotland is also good for walkers. You can enjoy easy family walks or more difficult mountain hikes

F The Highland Games in Scotland date back to long before Scotland's written history. The various athletics allowed men to demonstrate their physical power and the skills needed for battle and survival. The Games today still include the athletic competitions in their original form together with dancing contests. All the competitors wear kilts. Traditional bagpipe music accompanies all the events.

G. Scotland is a country that is part of the United Kingdom, occupying the northern third of the island of Great Britain. Edinburgh, the country's capital and second largest city, is one of Europe's financial centres. The population of the country is a little over 5 million people. The currency is the pound sterling although the Bank of Scotland issues its own notes and coins.

III fill the gaps

Siem Reap is a small town in Cambodia, a country in southeast Asia. It is built around a ____1____(FAME) cathedral. The town is charming with some fine examples of French colonial architecture. A legend says that a French ____2____(WRITE) once called the town "a pearl of Cambodia". Nowadays, this town is quite popular with tourists. They often use it as a starting point for their ____3____(EXCITE) travellings. The town is really remarkable. There you will find some ____4____(IMPRESS) stone monuments and statues, ancient buildings and picturesque ruins. Note that it's ____5____(USUAL) hot there in the summer. Please ensure that you take ____6____(COMFORT) walking shoes, light clothing and plenty of water to drink.

IV Преобразуйте слова, так, чтобы они грамматически соответствовали содержанию текста.

I knocked at Mike's door, but nobody answered. I tried again without any result at all. It was strange as I 1_____ HEAR that somebody was in. I thought that the door 2 _____ LOCK but when I pushed, it opened easily. Mike was sitting in front of his computer, his eyes focused on the monitor – he was playing and 3 _____ NOT SEE me. Several minutes passed before he noticed me. «Hi», he said. "Look, I _4 _____ PLAY online. It's a great game! It's the ____5____ GOOD game I've ever played! Would you like to join me?" Without waiting for my answer, he turned to the monitor and then forgot about me. Well, the situation was ____6____ BAD that I had expected it to be. Mike had found a new game and nothing could make him quit before the game was over. "You ____7__ NOT REMEMBER about our training in the gym today, do you?" I asked. "I certainly do", said Mike. Don't worry, I ____8____ BE ready in five minutes. However, I ____9__ UNDERSTAND that I would have to go to the gym.

