Aran

1. Brush up your Vocabulary!

Révisez le vocabulaire qui vous sera utile pendant la session en faisant les exercices puis ouvrez le fichier son mis à votre disposition et répétez les mots pour bien en mémoriser la prononciation.

There are three main islands off the west coast of Ireland.
They are called Inis Mor, or Aran, Inis Meain and Inis Oirr.
Inis Mor is the largest of the three.
Taking a ferry is the easiest way to the Islands.
Aran’s claim to fame (=What Aran is famous for)
The landscape,
A sweater, a jersey, a jumper
A cliff, cliff-climbing
Hiking (randonnée, excursion – à pied–)
Stone walls and forts

Choose words from the list to complete the sentences:

1. West – north – east – south
2. a sailing boat – a curragh – a ferry – a canoe – a car – a bus
5. Shirt – skirt – cap – sweater

1. The Aran Islands are off the ... coast of Ireland.
2. You could use .........., ........... or ........... to reach Aran but the easiest way is to take a .........
3. On the islands you can see ........, ........ and ........
4. The only sport you can’t do on Aran is ........
5. One claim for fame is the Aran .....
2. Train and Test your Listening Comprehension!

Ouvrez le fichier son mis à votre disposition. Huit séries de 3 propositions concernant le dialogue vous sont proposées ci-dessous. Ecoutez-bien et cochez a., b. ou c. au fil de l’écoute, une seule des trois propositions étant correcte.

1. Ted and Clara are:
   a. at the supermarket
   b. on the phone
   c. reading each other’s letters

2. Clara is asking about:
   a. Ted’s holidays
   b. His business trip to Hawaii
   c. The climate in Hawaii

3. Ted and his family spent most of the time:
   a. sleeping
   b. fishing
   c. practicing different sports

4. Ted considers that scuba-diving is:
   a. not as easy as surfing because of the height of the waves
   b. a good sport for children
   c. not funny at all

5. Clara spent her holidays:
   a. visiting Northern Ireland
   b. visiting the city of Galway
   c. on the Aran Islands

6. The weather in Aran was:
   a. cooler than in Hawaii
   b. extremely rainy
   c. not very sunny

7. Clara’s family went:
   a. cliff-climbing in Inis Mor
   b. hiking in Inis Mor
   c. biking in Inis Mor

8. Clara’s children…….
   a. were afraid of monsters
   b. didn’t like visiting old forts
   c. imagined the most incredible stories
3. Train and test your Reading Comprehension!

Suite du périple touristique ! Sont présentées ici quelques caractéristiques des îles d’Aran. Lisez-les et complétez les phrases en vous aidant du contexte et éventuellement de la liste si vous êtes bloqués:

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The ............... of these three rocky islands not only built incredible stone ...... that have stood for thousands of years, built ............ that crisscross every last inch of the islands, but also brought greenery to lifeless rock through centuries of digging dirt from cracks and composting seaweed from the .......... .

All three islands are areas of Ireland where......... is still the primary language spoken by over 95% of locals. However, English speakers will have no problem, as almost all islanders are fluent in............ However, surprisingly few ........... are in English, so it's best to know the Irish name of your destination.

There are mini-bus tours and taxis available on the islands. These are reasonably.......... and usually come with a.......... who has lived on the island for generations. Another way to see the islands is on foot or by bike.

Wear good.......... boots, though, as once you leave the paved roads, you are on very rough rocks. If you cycle, wear a helmet, for the same reason. But, keep in mind, it is best to plan to be back to your lodging before dark as the.......... are not lit.

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4m ........... walls of ........... . These walls have been ........... to a height of 6m and have wall walks, chambers, and flights of stairs as well.

Atlantic ● cliff ● concentric ● English ● forts ● guide ● hiking ● inhabitants ● Irish ● landscapes ● largest ● oceans ● population ● priced ● rebuilt ● roads ● signs ● stone ● thick ● walls
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3. On the islands you can see cliffs, stone-walls and forts.
4. The only sport you can’t do on Aran is skiing.
5. One claim for fame is the Aran sweater.

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The inhabitants of these three rocky islands not only built incredible stone forts that have stood for thousands of years, built walls that crisscross every last inch of the islands, but also brought greenery to lifeless rock through centuries of digging dirt from cracks and composting seaweed from the oceans.

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