

Do the preparation task first. Then read the article and do the exercises to check your understanding.

Preparation

Match the verb phrases with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... lamb | a. related to Wales |
| 2..... a stadium | b. the part of the land that is near the sea |
| 3..... a match | c. a big building where you can see sports events |
| 4..... a dragon | d. a game of sports between two people or teams |
| 5..... Welsh | e. meat from a sheep |
| 6..... the coast | f. a large, scary animal that can fly and breathe fire |

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. Wales is a country in the United Kingdom next to England. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. There is one national park in Wales. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. Five per cent of Welsh people live in Cardiff. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. You can go to concerts and sports matches at the Millennium Stadium. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. At the National Eisteddfod people sing in English. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. Everyone in Wales speaks Welsh. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. Villages, towns and cities in Wales have two names. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. The red dragon is a symbol of Wales. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

2. Check your grammar: gap fill – relative pronouns

Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

who x2

which x3

where x3

1. Wales is a country _____ has a lot of beaches.
2. Snowdonia is a national park _____ you can climb Snowdon, the highest mountain in Wales.
3. Welsh is an old Celtic language _____ young people learn at school.
4. The Eisteddfod is a festival for people _____ like art and culture.
5. Gareth Bale, _____ comes from Wales, is a footballer.
6. The Millennium Stadium is a famous venue _____ you can go to a concert or watch a rugby match.
7. Llanwrtyd Wells is a town _____ men and horses run in a marathon.
8. The red dragon is a symbol of Wales _____ appears on the national flag.

3. Check your grammar: gap fill

Write one word to complete the sentences.

1. Wales has some of the most beautiful beaches _____ the UK.
2. As well _____ beaches, there are a lot of mountains in Wales.
3. The Welsh language is _____ old, Celtic language which is very different from English.
4. Street signs in Wales _____ written in Welsh and English.
5. The Millennium Stadium is where you go if you want _____ watch a football or rugby match or even a pop concert.
6. Bog snorkelling is similar _____ swimming in extremely dirty water.
7. The patron saint of Wales is St David, who _____ celebrated on 1 March.
8. Wales _____ got a continuous coastline, around 1,300km long, which means there are a lot of beaches!

4. Check your writing: gap fill – capital letters

Write a capital or lower-case letter to fill the gaps.

1. Wales is one of the countries in ____ritain and the ____nited Kingdom.
2. It's a small ____ountry with ____ngland to the ____ast and the sea to the north, west and south.
3. Snowdonia is in north ____ales and its highest mountain is ____nowdon.
4. Most ____elsh people live in ____outh Wales in the ____apital city, Cardiff.
5. The Welsh language is an ____ld ____eltic language which is very different from ____nglish.
6. One of the ____argest cultural festivals in ____urope is the ____ational Eisteddfod of Wales.
7. The ____illennium Stadium in ____ardiff can hold 74,500 ____pectators.
8. If you like unusual ____ports, visit the small ____own of ____lanwrtyd Wells.

Discussion

Have you ever been to Wales? Would you like to go?

Vocabulary Box

Write any new words you have learned in this lesson.