

b) Compare with your partner's variant.

4. In pairs describe a part of the UK using the following phrases:

*There are such cities or towns as ...*

*It borders on ...*

*It is washed by ...*

*There you can find such mountains as ...*

*As for rivers and lakes, there you can find ...*

5. Which part of the UK would you like to visit? Why?

## LESSON 2. Exploring Britain

**Communicative area:** describing places, asking for and giving information

**Active vocabulary:** abundance, insight, mind-blowing, must-see, scenery, scenic, stunning, to be on the list

1. Discuss with a partner.

1. Do you have a bucket list of places you want to see before you are 30? What are they?
2. Where are they situated? Are there places from the UK?
3. If you visited the United Kingdom, what kind of places would you put on your must-see list (historical spots, museums, natural wonders, etc.)?

2. a) Read the following sentences. Discuss with your partner the meaning of the words and phrases in italics. Check with your teacher.

1. The Westminster Abbey deserves to be on everyone's list as a *must-see* attraction in London.
2. Your story is so amazing that I will definitely put going camping on my *bucket list*: I just have to try it before I am 20!
3. We took a new unknown *route* to the hotel and soon got lost in the city.

4. With breathtaking *scenery* and long winding roads, Dorset is a paradise for bikers. In the world there is an *abundance of* places to visit, so I should make a list of where to go first.
5. This place in the old part of the city was my secret *hideaway*: nobody could ever find me there and I was able to spend hours by myself.
6. This small English village became extremely famous as it *recreates* the atmosphere of a Harry Potter film.
7. I got more *insights* about the people from talking to them than from reading about them.
8. *Sustainable* use of natural resources is critical today if we want future generations to make use of them.

**b) Use the words in expressions from ex. 2a to describe your travelling experiences.**

**3. Match the following adjectives to describe tourist destinations with their meaning. Which of them are synonyms?**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. awe-inspiring</li> <li>2. gorgeous</li> <li>3. mind-blowing</li> <li>4. remarkable</li> <li>5. scenic</li> <li>6. stunning</li> <li>7. unique</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) unusually good and special; the only one of its kind</li> <li>b) very exciting, shocking and strange</li> <li>c) making you feel great respect and admiration, and sometimes fear</li> <li>d) extremely beautiful or attractive; extremely pleasant and enjoyable</li> <li>e) very impressive or beautiful</li> <li>f) unusual in a way that surprises or impresses you</li> <li>g) providing beautiful views of nature</li> </ol> |
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**4. a) Match the pictures to the names of three British destinations. Which of them looks the most attractive to you and why? Share your ideas with your partner.**

a) the Giant's Causeway, b) the Lake District, c) the Eden Project.



**b) Read about these British tourist spots and answer the questions after the texts.**

With so many stunning locations across Britain to visit, it's hard to make up your mind where exactly to plan your trip. We can suggest the UK's must-see beauty spots to add to your bucket list.

### The Giant's Causeway

One of Northern Ireland's best-known attractions, the Giant's Causeway, north of Belfast, is a remarkable vast natural rock formation created millions of years ago by cooling lava. The basalt columns, protruding from the sea, make a majestic centerpiece – this whole area is a must-see. It is a popular road trip route, thanks to its cinematic cliffsides which drop off into the Atlantic Ocean. This scenery was frequently used in the hit TV series *Game of Thrones*. Thousands of basalt columns have various legends associated with them, the most famous involving a fight between giants from Ireland and Scotland. Climb atop the columns for stunning views of the Atlantic Ocean and keep your eyes open for all kinds of rare plants, butterflies, snails, and bees!

## The Lake District

The Lake District National Park is in North West England. It is the largest National Park in the country and is considered one of its most scenic regions and England's best destination for hiking<sup>1</sup> and climbing. It is home to Scafell Pike, England's highest mountain, and Wastwater, the nation's deepest lake. The region has strong literary ties too, which can be explored at the World of Beatrix Potter attraction and at Dove Cottage, William Wordsworth's former home.

William Wordsworth and his Romantic friends were the first to praise the charms of the Lake District and it's not hard to see what excited them. The Lake District became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2017, recognising its long history of hill farming – but for most people it's the chance to hike and enjoy the gorgeous scenery that keep them returning year after year.

The Lake District National Park is famous for its stargazing too and is listed as a Dark Skies Discovery site. Known for its beauty and greenery the Lake District has an abundance of awe-inspiring scenery to view on the way.

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<sup>1</sup> **hiking** [ˈhaɪkɪŋ] – пеший туризм

## The Eden Project

Looking like a cross between a lunar landing station and a James Bond hideaway, the gigantic hemispherical greenhouses of the Eden Project have become a symbol of Cornwall. Dreamt up by ex-record producer Tim Smit, Eden's glass-domed 'biomes' recreate major world climate systems in microcosm, from the lush<sup>1</sup> jungles of the Amazon rainforest to the olive and citrus trees, and colourful flowers of the Mediterranean, South Africa and Australia. More than just a huge, tropical garden, Eden is a gateway into the relationships between plants and people, and a fascinating insight into the story of mankind's dependence on plant life. Not only a mind-blowing visitor attraction, Eden is also fast-becoming a unique resource for education and knowledge towards a sustainable future.

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<sup>1</sup> **lush** [ˈlʌʃ] – густой, пышный (о растительности)

**c) Answer the following questions.**

1. Which of the places
  - seem to you really stunning?
  - would you put on your must-see list?
  - is / are man-made?
  - is / are natural?
  - is / are remarkable for their connection with popular culture?
2. Where
  - can you get acquainted with the natural world of the UK? the world's plants?
  - can you go to try new activities?
  - would you like to go to have a class of history, literature, biology, other school subjects? Why there?

## LESSON 3. British dos and don'ts

**Communicative area:** describing a national character, discussing British rules of behaviour

**Active vocabulary:** to boast, common sense, consideration, diligence, fair-play, to value

- 1. a) Look at the pictures and say what traits of the British character do these fictional characters represent.**



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