

Lesson 8. Project “An unusual island”

1a.   Children make a project about an unusual island. Listen to Mike’s project about Mauritius [mə'ri:ʃəs]. *Why is it an unusual island?*



Mauritius is a small island in the Indian Ocean. 1,200,000 people live there. They speak English and French.

Mauritius is a green island with hills and mountains covered¹ with forests. It’s always warm on the island. Tourists visit the country all year round to swim and dive² in the warm waters of the ocean and enjoy fantastic underwater life. You can also climb Lion Mountain and jump off the 20 m waterfall!

There is a great Bird Park with more than 115 kinds³ of birds from five continents. The Botanical Garden is one of the best places to learn about plants, trees and flowers. Casela Nature Park is home to tigers, monkeys, deer and giant⁴ tortoises. Children can ride a tortoise there!

Welcome to Mauritius! It’s an unusual island.

1b.  Read, and then answer the questions about the island.

1. Where is this island? 2. What’s the weather like there? 3. What language (язык) do people speak there? 4. What can you see there? 5. What animals live there? 6. What can you do there?

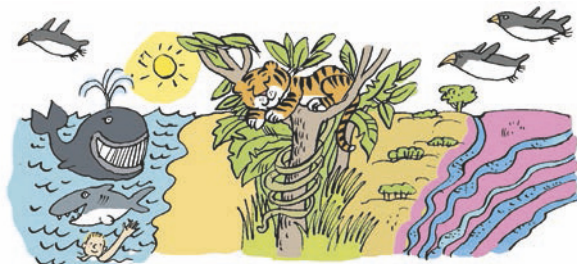
¹ **covered** ['kʌvəd] – покрытый

² **dive** – нырять

³ **kinds** – виды

⁴ **giant** ['dʒaɪənt] – гигантский

2a. Liz has invented¹ her unusual island. Read Liz's project about it and answer: *Why is it unusual?*



Island *Wow* in the Atlantic Ocean is very small but beautiful. People speak the Wowish language there.

The weather is warm and sunny all year round. Sometimes it snows at night. There is a deep sea and five long rivers. You can pick berries and mushrooms in the jungle. There are wonderful purple fields and pink meadows where you can ride the fastest ostrich in the world!

There are a lot of animals on the island. Koalas, deer, lynxes, and penguins live in the grasslands. Tigers can sleep in trees and penguins can fly! Sharks and whales are very kind. You can swim with them in the ocean.

The “Swampyland” amusement park invites children and their parents to go down the highest water slide in the world! You'll have a lot of fun!

It's a very interesting island.

2b.  Answer the questions (ex. 1b) about Liz's island.

3. Which of the two islands would you like to visit and why?

4.  Find information about an interesting island or invent one. Use the questions in ex. 1b as a plan. Write your project.

¹ **invent** – придумывать, изобретать