



Lesson 5. The custom of travelling around the country

1a.   Alesya, a girl from Belarus, has written to a forum to ask about UK's attractions, as it is customary for the people of Britain to travel to the places of natural beauty in their country. Listen and read the pages of the forum and match the forum visitors with the places they write about.



the Highlands



Snowdonia



the Giant's Causeway



the Lake District

varied ['veəriəd] (adj) – variety [və'raɪəti] (n)

A. Hi everybody! I've never been abroad, but this year I'm going to school in the UK. What places could you advise me to visit?

James 007. The great thing about Great Britain is that you can see here an amazing variety of nature, ranging from fascinating mountains and grassy hills, picturesque valleys and plains, purple moorlands and velvet grasslands to marvellous rivers and lakes, green forests and islands, and of course, the big, great sea. There's so much to see! You have to be very selective (избирательным).

Cutey. I would recommend different parts of the UK. It should be the Highlands in Scotland, the Giant's Causeway¹

¹ causeway – дорога, проход

[ˈdʒaɪənts ˈkɔːzweɪ] in Northern Ireland, Snowdonia [snəʊˈdʌniə] in Wales and the Lake District in England.

Em. You're absolutely right. I would strongly advise you to go to the Lake District in the Cumbrian Mountains. I was there last summer. It's a National Park and one of the most popular tourist attractions in England. Lake Windermere [ˈwɪndəmə] is an excellent place for boating. It's the largest natural lake in England – 16.9 km long, 1,609m wide and 67m deep. I'm sure you'll enjoy the valleys, lakes and mountains. The views are absolutely marvellous!

A. It sounds great! Thanks, folks [fəʊks].

James 007. By all means you **ought to go** to the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland. From the 1700s it became widely known as the Eighth Natural Wonder of the World and visitors began coming to the fascinating array [əˈreɪ] (массив) of over 40,000 basalt [ˈbæsoʊlt] columns [ˈkɒləmz]. For centuries countless visitors have marvelled at the mystery of the Giant's Causeway. The amazing symmetry [ˈsɪmətri] of the columns has always intrigued [ɪnˈtriːgd] the visitors. To walk on the Giant's Causeway is to voyage back in time.

Cutey. You have a wide choice now, **A.**, but I would like to advise you to go to Snowdonia in Wales. Nowhere else (нигде емё) in Britain **will** you find such a variety, in such a compact area, as you will in Snowdonia in Wales. There are many places to see and things to do in Snowdonia, so by all means go and enjoy the mountains, beaches, moorlands, forests, lakes, valleys, castles and steam (паровые) railways.

A. I'm already fascinated! Thank you, everybody.



Grammar focus: *Modal verb "ought to"*

Ought to is used to express strong advice.

ought to = should

See "Grammar reference" on page 253.

1b. Read the forum again and answer the questions.


1. Where are these places:

a) the Giant's Causeway?

b) Snowdonia?

c) the Lake District?

2. Where will you see ...
 - a) a variety of landscape? b) thousands of basalt columns?
 - c) lakes in mountain valleys?
3. Which place ...
 - a) is called the Eighth Wonder of the World?
 - b) is good for boating activities?
 - c) offers travelling by steam railway?



1c.  Choose two places and prove to your friend that they are worth seeing (стоит посмотреть).


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I would strongly advise you to ... It's located ...
 Nowhere else **will** you find such a variety and beauty as here.
 There is / are It's surrounded by ... / It's full of ...
 They are / It's absolutely (fascinating).
 You can also find ... here.
 It's worth going there.¹ It's full of natural beauty.
 And you ought to go and see ... by all means. ...

1d. Act out the forum discussion in groups of three or four. Use the highlighted expressions from the text.

1e. Which place would you like to see? Why? Share it with your class. What is the most popular place?

2a.   Organise a similar discussion about places of natural beauty in Belarus.

2b.  Write about 1–2 places of natural beauty in Belarus you would recommend to a foreign visitor.



¹ It's worth going there. – Туда стоит поехать.