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Who Is James Bond?

In one of the first Ian Fleming novels, the author tells the reader that James Bond – a prototype of the classic “Englishman” – was the son of a Scottish father and an Oriental mother. However, this might not be entirely true.

The title of the 19th film – “The World is Not Enough” – is based on the Latin motto of the Bond family, which is also mentioned in one of the early novels. Curiously, it now appears that the motto is not that of the Scottish Bonds, but that of a different Bond family! And because this family came from the Southwest of England, Bond, perhaps, really is English, not Scottish, after all.

As far as the agent's education is concerned, Bond went to Eton College in England – to the same school as his creator Ian Fleming. Moreover, this is where Princes William and Harry were educated, and also many British Prime Ministers, including David Cameron.

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25 What do we learn about James Bond in this article?

- A) It is clear that Bond is English.
- B) Bond's parents were Scottish and English.
- C) Many important people attended the same school as Bond.
- D) The Latin motto of the Bond family is first mentioned in the film.

A Canadian Winter... Brrr! It's Cold

As our winter weather changes from one week to another, in most parts of Europe people hardly ever know what to expect. Canadians, however, know perfectly well what their winter means, and that it will be cold; or if it is not cold, it will be very cold! When the last leaves fall off the trees in autumn, Canadians know that the winter is coming, and when the Arctic air starts to blow south in the winter months, Canadians know that the temperature will fall. Not to zero, like in our countries, but to -20°C or even lower – as low as -40°C . However, Canadians are ready for it because they know that it is going to happen. Preparation, as they say, is half the battle of survival, because for most of the winter, which usually lasts from November to April, daytime temperatures in the city hardly ever rise above zero.

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26 Which is not true about Canadian winters?

- A) Canadians are well prepared for them.
- B) It is usually above zero during the day.
- B) Temperatures of -40°C are quite normal.
- D) The winter usually lasts for about six months.

Big Red London Buses

If someone asked you about the best-known symbol of London, what would you answer? Big Ben? The statue of Eros in Piccadilly Circus? Or would you go for something much more ordinary than that? Something as ordinary as the big red London double-decker bus?

Bingo! Double-deckers are recognised – and even found – all over the world, and people easily identify them as symbols of London. Visitors climb into London buses to go and admire Niagara Falls. London buses can be seen driving round Europe advertising big department stores or promoting British events. Even without the words “London Transport” on the side of them people recognise them at once.

Double-deckers have changed over the decades. They are not the same today as they used to be thirty years ago, but big red buses have become icons of London. No wonder they are recognised (and found) all over the world.

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27 What do we learn about London buses?

- A) They are easy to identify.
- B) You can find them only in London.
- C) They haven't changed for fifty years.
- D) They normally advertise big department stores.

What Is “a Highlander”?

A typical description of a Highlander is the type of image you see in whisky advertisements: a man wearing a kilt and standing on a foggy mountain near an old castle. You will also notice that the man is playing the bagpipes, eating porridge and haggis, and drinking – whisky, of course!

Nevertheless, you should always question the accuracy of what is presented to you. It is sort of obvious that whisky IS a favourite drink in the Highlands. The rest, however, is a long way from everyday reality. Very few Highlanders, for example, wear the kilt – maybe except on special occasions or for ceremonies.

What are we like, then, us Highlanders? Surprisingly, we are quite ordinary. We are interested in the same things as others. Similar to young people all over the world, we are keen on fashion, music, social media and all kinds of sport. And we worry about the same things – unemployment, our future, war, drugs and pollution.

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28 What is true about Highlanders?

- A) They usually wear a kilt.
- B) They are not worried about their future.
- C) They never appear in whisky advertisements.
- D) They are not very different from other people.

The Birth of Hollywood

Hollywood is definitely one of the best-known names in the world. Do you really know where Hollywood is and how it started?

It is a well-known fact that America's movie industry began life in New York. However, by 1910 movie-makers were moving to Los Angeles. The reason? Everything was too expensive in New York and it was difficult to make movies in the cold winters. In California, on the other hand, they were not only able to make films all through the year, but everything was cheaper and there was lots of land for sale as well. The movie-makers found what they were looking for a few miles outside Los Angeles. Soon, large new studios were built in an area that was known as Hollywood, at the foot of some small dry hills.

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29 Why is the centre of the American film industry called Hollywood?

- A) It is not clear.
- B) It was a local name.
- C) The movie-makers invented the name.
- D) Because it was one of the best-known names in the world.