

Word on the Street

Northern Ireland Scene 1

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Watch the video. Put the events in the correct order.

- Stephen and Ash meet a surfing instructor.
- Stephen and Ash decide to go to a café.
- Stephen and Ash go to a surfing shop.
- Stephen and Ash visit the Giant's Causeway.
- Stephen and Ashlie go for a drive along the coast.
- Stephen has a problem with his wallet.
- Stephen and Ash have a surfing lesson.

Activity 2

Watch the video again. Complete the extracts from the video with the correct words.

- Stephen:** The _____ you can _____ over there is the Atlantic Ocean.

- Ash:** It says here that the Giant's Causeway is supposed to be a _____ that was _____ by a giant.
- Ash:** We're both _____. But I'm not keen on going in very cold water.
- Ash:** I wonder if we'll be able to stand after just one lesson? **Stephen:** I _____ be able to, but you _____!
- Stephen:** I think I've swallowed half of the ocean. And I'm freezing _____ too. I need a _____ drink to _____ me up.
- Stephen:** I put my wallet in my wetsuit to keep it _____. And now my money's soaking _____!

Activity 3

'just' is a very common and important word in English because it has a number of different meanings. Match the meanings with the examples from the video.

just = a short time ago / just = exactly / just = only / just = really

- Don't you think this coastline is just beautiful, Stephen?

- We'll get you just the right size board.

- I wonder if we'll be able to stand after just one lesson?

4. I was just wondering – do you think that we'll be able to stand by the end of today?
- _____

Activity 4

Can you remember the sentences with 'just' from the last task? Put the words in the correct order.

1. beautiful, / coastline / Don't / is / just / Stephen? / think / this / you
- _____
- _____

2. board. / get / just / right / size / the / We'll / you
- _____
- _____

3. able / after / be / I / if / just / lesson? / one / stand / to / we'll / wonder
- _____
- _____

4. by the end of today? / do you think that / I / just / was / we'll be able to stand / wondering –
- _____
- _____

Discussion

- Have you ever been to Northern Ireland? What do you know about it?
- Have you ever been surfing?

Discuss these questions with another student or post a comment on the LearnEnglish website.

Answers

Activity 1

1. E. Stephen and Ashlie go for a drive along the coast.
2. D. Stephen and Ash visit the Giant's Causeway.
3. C. Stephen and Ash go to a surfing shop.
4. A. Stephen and Ash meet a surfing instructor.
5. G. Stephen and Ash have a surfing lesson.
6. B. Stephen and Ash decide to go to a café.
7. F. Stephen has a problem with his wallet.

Activity 2

1. **Stephen:** The sea you can see over there is the Atlantic Ocean.
2. **Ash:** It says here that the Giant's Causeway is supposed to be a bridge that was built by a giant.
3. **Ash:** We're both good swimmers. But I'm not keen on going in very cold water.
4. **Ash:** I wonder if we'll be able to stand after just one lesson?
Stephen: I might be able to, but you won't!
5. **Stephen:** I think I've swallowed half of the ocean. And I'm freezing cold too. I need a hot drink to warm me up.
6. **Stephen:** I put my wallet in my wetsuit to keep it safe. And now my money's soaking wet!

Activity 3

1. Don't you think this coastline is just beautiful, Stephen? just = really
2. We'll get you just the right size board. just = exactly
3. I wonder if we'll be able to stand after just one lesson? just = only
4. I was just wondering – do you think that we'll be able to stand by the end of today? just = a short time ago

Activity 4

1. Don't you think this coastline is just beautiful, Stephen?
2. We'll get you just the right size board.
3. I wonder if we'll be able to stand after just one lesson?
4. I was just wondering – do you think that we'll be able to stand by the end of today?

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