

The flight that lasts only 90 seconds

Have you ever been on an airplane? How many times?

Vocabulary

1. attracts 2. recorded 3. curious 4. mainland 5. services 6. residents

True Story

Most people expect a flight to take at least an hour, but one small plane in Scotland completes its journey in less than two minutes. The flight connects two tiny islands called Westray and Papa Westray, which are part of a group of islands north of _____ Scotland. The distance is only 2.7 kilometres, and the shortest _____ flight took just 53 seconds.

Although it _____ tourists, the service is essential for local _____. The plane carries mail and helps people reach schools, hospitals and other important _____. Without it, travelling between the islands would be much more difficult.

Quiz

- How long does the shortest flight in Scotland take?
- What are the names of the two islands connected by the flight?
- How far is the distance between Westray and Papa Westray?
- Why is the flight service important for local residents?

True or False

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| 1. The islands are north of mainland Scotland. | True False |
| 2. The flight is mainly used by tourists. | True False |
| 3. The plane helps carry email between the islands. | True False |

Conversation

A: Can you believe our flight is the shortest in the world?

B: Yeah, blink and you'll miss it!

A: Do you think tourists come just for the thrill?

B: Probably, but it's a lifeline for us locals.

A: True, can't imagine getting to the hospital without it.

B: Exactly. It would be much harder by boat.

Discussion

- Do you know the shortest flight in your country?
- What's the shortest trip you've ever taken?
- What's the quickest way to get from your house to the nearest town or city?
- Do you think you'd enjoy living on a small island?
- Would you like to visit Scotland? Why or why not?