

# The island without cars

Have you ever been to an island? (*Yes, I have been to...*)

## Vocabulary

1. explore      2. frightened      3. banned      4. fudge      5. calmer      6. carriages

## True Story

Mackinac Island is a quiet place in Lake Huron, off the coast of Michigan. While Michigan is known for car companies like Ford and General Motors, this island \_\_\_\_\_ cars in 1900. A car once made a loud noise and \_\_\_\_\_ the horses, so the island chose a slower, \_\_\_\_\_ way of life.

Today, about 600 people live there year-round, along with around 600 horses. Horses pull \_\_\_\_\_, deliver packages, and even collect rubbish. Visitors arrive by ferry and \_\_\_\_\_ the island by bicycle, on foot, or in a horse-drawn taxi.

Popular activities include eating the island's famous \_\_\_\_\_, riding around the coast, and visiting historical sites.

## Quiz

1. Where is Mackinac Island located?
2. Why were cars banned on the island?
3. How do visitors arrive on the island?
4. What is one popular activity on the island?

## True or False

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| 1. Mackinac Island allows cars today.             | True   False |
| 2. There are about 600 horses on Mackinac Island. | True   False |
| 3. Visitors can explore the island by bicycle.    | True   False |

## Conversation

- A: Hey, did you hear about the car ban on Mackinac Island?
- B: Yeah, sounds like they did it for the horses!
- A: I think it's nice to have a peaceful place like that.
- B: Agreed! Plus, I love the idea of horse-drawn taxis.
- A: And don't forget the fudge! That's a must-try.
- B: Absolutely, let's plan a trip there!

## Discussion

1. Have you ever been on a ferry?
2. Would you like to live in a place without cars?
3. Do you enjoy riding bicycles?
4. What is your favorite type of candy?