

# Unit 8

## Flower of Scotland

### A Reading Comprehension



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Before an international football or rugby match, Scottish fans sing a song called 'Flower of Scotland'. The song is sung with great passion and surely must lift the morale of the Scottish team and perhaps chill the hearts of their opponents.

- 5 Everywhere one can see the national flag of Scotland—the white cross, or saltire, on a blue background—and very many fans among the Scottish supporters (who have got the nickname 'the Tartan Army') wear kilts. It is an impressive sight and a sign of just how deeply patriotic Scots are.

Scotland occupies approximately one-third of the land mass of Britain,  
10 yet its population is just over five million. By comparison, England to the south has a population ten times greater. Relations between Scotland  
15 and England have always been an issue. Scotland and England were both ancient kingdoms, but in 1603 the King of Scotland also became  
20 the King of England, and from that date the crowns of the two countries have been united. In 1707 the Parliaments of the two countries merged.  
25 But in 1998 a Scottish Parliament was restored to Scotland with a brand new Parliament building in Edinburgh. The new Scottish



Parliament has limited powers over Scottish affairs, but there are some Scots who would like things to go much further and for Scotland to become completely independent.

Whether it is viable for Scotland to be independent depends on one's point of view. Those in favour say that Scotland is a large country with plenty of natural resources, including reserves of oil and gas under the seas off its coasts, and that it could flourish on the Scandinavian model, like countries such as Denmark or Sweden. Those not in favour of full independence and who are at present a clear majority in Scotland say it makes sense in every way for their country to remain part of the United Kingdom. So whether 'Flower of Scotland' will one day be the national anthem of an independent country or remain as it is—a passionate national song sung when Scotland plays the world—is still an open question.

### Exercise 1

Reading Comprehensionの内容と合っている場合はT (True)を、合っていない場合はF (False)を記入しましょう。

- ( ) Scottish fans usually sing 'Flower of Scotland' after a football or rugby match.
- ( ) 'The Tartan Army' is the name of the Scottish rugby team.
- ( ) The population of England is approximately fifty million.
- ( ) The years 1603, 1707 and 1998 have all been important dates in the history of Scotland.
- ( ) The writer does not say whether Scotland should be completely independent or not.

### Notes

with great passion 「情熱をこめて」 the Tartan Army 「タータン軍」 wear kilts 「キルトを身につける」 By comparison 「対照的に」 united 「ひとつになる」 viable 「(～することが) 可能である」 in favour 「好意的な」 reserves 「埋蔵量」 anthem 「賛歌」

## Exercise 2

Reading Comprehensionにある英語表現について、下線部と同じ意味になるものを a. b. c. の中から選びましょう。

1. must lift the morale of the Scottish team  
a. encourage                      b. make moral                      c. give a win to
2. Relations . . . have always been an issue  
a. have always been diplomatic                      b. have always been national  
c. have always been a problem
3. a brand new Parliament building in Edinburgh  
a. remodeled                      b. almost new                      c. completely new
4. Scotland could flourish on the Scandinavian model  
a. with Scandinavian models                      b. in the Scandinavian way  
c. with a Scandinavian economy
5. is still an open question  
a. a question with no clear answer                      b. a political question  
c. a common question

## Exercise 3

(      ) 内の語句を適切な語順に並べ、英文を完成させましょう。ただし、文頭に  
来る語も小文字で与えてあります。

1. \_\_\_\_\_ to give their team support and  
maybe to discourage their opponents! (at, fans, matches, often, sing, songs)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ of nickname used to describe  
Scottish supporters. (a, Army, is, kind, Tartan, the)
3. King James VI of Scotland succeeded Queen Elizabeth I of England in  
1603 to become \_\_\_\_\_ and England.  
(both, first, King, of, Scotland, the)
4. In \_\_\_\_\_ and Scotland were merged,  
but in 1998 a new Scottish Parliament was opened in Edinburgh.  
(England, of, Parliaments, 1707, the, two)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ large in relation to the size of  
its population. (area, is, of, Scotland, the, very)

## B Dialogue

## Exercise 4 A 次の会話の音声を聴いて、下線部に入る語句を書き取りましょう。

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Hiroko and Peter are having a chat.

Peter: Have you ever been to Scotland, Hiroko?

Hiroko: Not yet, but I'm <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. I've got a friend who's studying in Edinburgh and she says I can stay with her.

Peter: Nice!

Hiroko: I think so. I'm <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and perhaps going to some of the events at the Festival in August. Have you been to Scotland?

Peter: Well, <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a rugby match.

Hiroko: That's a long way to go to see a game of rugby. It must have been really important!

Peter: It was. <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

Hiroko: Who won?

Peter: Well, <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ was ...

## Exercise 5 B 質問を聴きとってAの会話に関する適切な答えを選びましょう。

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1. \_\_\_\_\_?

- a. In the summer      b. Next vacation      c. She is not sure.

2. \_\_\_\_\_?

- a. Sightseeing      b. Studying      c. Shopping

3. \_\_\_\_\_?

- a. May      b. August      c. October

4. \_\_\_\_\_?

- a. Several days      b. The summer      c. A weekend

5. \_\_\_\_\_?

- a. England won.      b. Scotland won.      c. We are not told.