

Scotland declares war on 'lazy mapping practice' (2:51 mins)



Listening Comprehension Test

This report by Christopher Ingraham is about residents of the Shetland Islands who take offense at inset maps.

You have two minutes to read through the questions. After you have heard the text once, there will be a pause of one minute before you hear the text again. You will then have two minutes to finalize your answers. If several answers are correct, tick all correct boxes.

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- drawn by government mapmakers.
- used by geography teachers.
- digitalized by university libraries.

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- drawn too small.
- left out.
- placed too close to the Scottish mainland.
- shown without their name.

3. Inaccurate maps of the Shetland Islands confuse ...

- fishermen
- politicians
- students
- ferry captains
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- be more expensive.
- need to be reprinted.
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5. Cartographers can still disregard the new rules if they ...

- include a note in the map.
- draw smaller-sized tourist maps.
- find reasons not to comply and spell these out.
- produce maps for private companies.

6. Fill in the blanks.

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7. Are the following statements true false? Tick the correct box.

Statement	True	False
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b) It is common practice on maps of the United States to insert Alaska and Hawaii under California.		
c) Pilots have complained about the representation of the Shetland Islands in maps of Scotland.		
d) Inaccurate maps have serious economic consequences for the Shetland Islands according to Tavish Scott, Member of the Scottish Parliament.		
e) The Ordnance Survey, Britain’s official mapping agency, supports the new Scottish law.		



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