

SVALBARD – THE LAND BEYOND THE NORTH CAPE

In this radio programme you are going to hear some new words. Read and listen to them. Make sure you know what they mean.

peaked: punxegut / puntiagudo

wildlife: vida salvatge / vida salvaje

settlement: assentament / asentamiento

average: mitjana / media

hunting: caça / caza

seals: foques / focas

Ready?

Now read the questions on the next page. Read them carefully before listening to the radio programme.

PRESENTER: In the High Arctic, floating in the midnight sun and embraced by the Polar night, Svalbard is an archipelago of peaked mountains and magnificent glaciers. No other place in the far North offers such an abundance of polar features and wildlife in such a limited area. Today in our programme “Round the World”, I’m pleased to introduce Chris Van Gils, a keen traveller to the North and an expert on Polar life.

[Now listen to the rest of the interview.]

QUESTIONS

Choose the best answer according to the recording. Only ONE answer is correct.

[0.25 points each correct answer. Wrong answers will be penalized by deducting 0.08 points. There is no penalty for unanswered questions.]

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1.	Where is Svalbard situated? <input type="checkbox"/> 600 miles from Ireland. <input type="checkbox"/> In the North Cape. <input type="checkbox"/> Between Norway and the North Pole. <input type="checkbox"/> On the coast of Scandinavia.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Why is Svalbard a good name for the archipelago? <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty per cent of the people who lived there wear beards, "bard" in Norwegian. <input type="checkbox"/> People used to speak Svalbard in Scandinavia in the past. <input type="checkbox"/> Sval means 'ice' in Dutch. <input type="checkbox"/> The name means 'cold coast' in Norse.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Who discovered the islands? <input type="checkbox"/> A Dutch sailor called Willem Barents. <input type="checkbox"/> A Dutch sailor whose name was Norse. <input type="checkbox"/> People who lived in Barents. <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Norse sailors.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	What happened in 1925? <input type="checkbox"/> The archipelago was rediscovered. <input type="checkbox"/> Svalbard became Norwegian. <input type="checkbox"/> Spitsbergen was discovered. <input type="checkbox"/> Norway became a kingdom.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	What's the best way of exploring the archipelago? <input type="checkbox"/> By car. <input type="checkbox"/> By boat. <input type="checkbox"/> By bus. <input type="checkbox"/> By plane.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	What's the average temperature in Spitsbergen in winter? <input type="checkbox"/> 12° C below zero. <input type="checkbox"/> 10° C below zero. <input type="checkbox"/> 6° C below zero. <input type="checkbox"/> 6° C above zero.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Why did Chris have to take some medicines while he was in Svalbard? <input type="checkbox"/> He got a terrible cold. <input type="checkbox"/> Because of the Polar night there is no sun for 2 months and a half. <input type="checkbox"/> The midnight sun burnt parts of his body. <input type="checkbox"/> A bear attacked him.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Why do people in Svalbard carry rifles? <input type="checkbox"/> People have to defend polar bears when outside. <input type="checkbox"/> People go hunting very often. <input type="checkbox"/> Bears are known to hunt humans on occasions. <input type="checkbox"/> There are a lot of seals and people can kill them.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Correctes Incorrectes No contestades

Recompte de les respostes

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