

## Story starter!

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- ▶ Many people from the mainland thought the Smiths were a strange family.
- ▶ Sure, life out here on the island was very different. For a start, they didn't get their groceries from a supermarket, or visit the local pizza restaurant on a Friday night for a treat!
- ▶ The weather up here could often be quite dramatic, even frightening. They frequently felt like the world was against them, yet they somehow found a way to harness nature's offerings.
- ▶ It may be far from what most people would call 'civilisation', but it suited the Smiths just fine...

## Sentence challenge!

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Can you place the missing bracket in the sentence below?

- ▶ The Smith family (who liked to keep themselves to themselves had been living here for generations.

Can you write a sentence containing brackets?



## Question time!

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- ▶ How might the Smith family's lives differ to the lives of the people on the mainland?
- ▶ Would you rather live here or on the mainland?
- ▶ What do you think it means by 'nature's offerings'?
- ▶ What do you think the weather is like up here?
- ▶ Do you think there are places like this in Britain?
- ▶ How long do you think this house has been standing here for?
- ▶ Why do the Smiths choose to live here do you think?

## Sick sentences!

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These sentences are 'sick' and need your help to get better. Can you help?

- ▶ There was a house by the lake. The house had grass growing on it. It had stone walls. The lake was grey. The clouds were grey.



## Perfect picture!

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- ▶ What might a typical day look like for the Smith family?
- ▶ Can you draw a series of pictures that demonstrate what the family get up to on a typical day?