

# Skomer Island

Skomer Island is an island off the coast of Pembrokeshire in West Wales. Skomer is a very special place - it is home to lots of rare animals, and lots of ancient monuments! It is such a special place that it is a Natural Nature Reserve, a Site of Special Scientific Interest and a Special Protection Area.

The island is famous for being home to the largest colony of puffins in the south of Britain. But there are lots of other animals that call the island home too. On Skomer Island you will see fulmars, gannets, razorbills, Manx shearwaters and the Skomer vole. Skomer Island is the only place in the world that you will find the Skomer vole! In the waters around the island, you will find dolphins, harbour porpoises, and grey seals. There are even colourful sea slugs in the waters!

Most of Skomer Island has been classed as an ancient monument. This means that there are important historical structures which are thousands of years old. On the island, you can find stone circles, standing stones and even parts of prehistoric houses. 5000 years ago, over 200 people lived on the island.

Nobody lives on the island anymore. There is a hotel on the island that you can stay in if you visit Skomer Island. Lots of people take boat trips to Skomer to see the wildlife. To get to the island, they must cross a stretch of water called the Jack Sound. It is very dangerous water and lots of ships have sunk there.



# Questions

1. Where is Skomer Island?

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2. How can you get to Skomer Island?

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3. Why is Skomer Island a special place?

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4. What sorts of animals will you find on the island?

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5. Can you match the animal to its habitat?

Grey seal	Island
Puffin	Island
Skomer vole	Sea
Dolphin	Sea
Manx shearwater	Sea
Rabbit	Island
Harbour porpoise	Island

6. Can you find the correct words to fill in the blanks?

lived	standing
circles	thousands
ancient	5000

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7. Can you unscramble these words?

nuffip \_\_\_\_\_

danlis \_\_\_\_\_

toab \_\_\_\_\_

esa \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Can you find out what a puffin looks like? Write a sentence to describe it.

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9. Draw a picture in the box to show what a puffin looks like.



10. Would you like to visit Skomer Island? Give reasons for your answers.

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