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level 1

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The Isle of Man

- Jackie: For this week's podcast I'm going to ask Richard some questions about where he's from. Richard, I know you come from the Isle of Man but I don't know very much about it. Where is the Isle of Man exactly?
- Richard: Well, it's right in the middle of the British Isles in between England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.
- Jackie: So, are you English?
- Richard: No, I'm Manx but I'm also British, but definitely not English.
- Jackie: OK. So, it's an island. How big is it?
- Richard: It's about, I think ...um... fifty, fifty kilometers long by about twenty, twenty kilometers wide, something like that.
- Jackie: Can you describe the island to me?
- Richard: I think it's very... very pretty. There are a few mountains in the north of the island and then in the south there are more rolling hills.
- Jackie: Are there any beaches?
- Richard: Yes, there're quite a few beaches. Usually ...er... it's a little bit too cold to go swimming except in really hot weather in the summer.
- Jackie: So, what kind of things do people do on the Isle of Man?
- Richard: People like to go walking in the countryside. As I said it's very beautiful so a lot of walking.
- Jackie: What do visitors do when they go to the island?
- Richard: It's very popular with visitors interested in transport because we have ...er lots of unique types of transport. We have the steam railway, nowadays all the trains are diesel or electric. There's also the famous horse trams ...um... in Douglas, the capital, next to the beach we have ...um trams which are pulled by horses. Um, also we have an electric railway and this electric railway runs from Douglas, the capital, and it goes all the way up to the highest point on the island which is Snae Fell.

- Jackie: What jobs do people have on the Isle of Man?
- Richard: The major industry is the financial industry so it has lots of banks. Offshore banking is, is the biggest industry there.
- Jackie: And, ...er Richard you don't live on the Isle of Man at the moment, how often do you go home?
- Richard: I try to go back at least once a year.
- Jackie: All right, one more question. What's your favourite place on the Isle of Man?
- Richard: Ooh, there's a very pretty village called Laxey, it's on the coast and it has a very pretty beach and it's very famous for a large water wheel it has there. I think it's the largest or the oldest water wheel in the world. That's probably one of my favourite places.
- Jackie: Great, thanks Richard. I look forward to visiting.
- Richard: [laughs] You're welcome, I look forward to taking you there!