

AT THE HULA NATURE RESERVE¹



SAMIRA: What does the first rain mean to you?

GALI: It means that millions of birds will soon come to the Hula Valley. It is exciting.

SAMIRA: Do you work here at the Hula Nature Reserve?

GALI: No, I am a biology teacher, but I come here often to watch the birds.

SAMIRA: Where do these birds come from?

GALI: They come from Europe and Asia.

SAMIRA: Why don't they stay there?

GALI: Because it's too cold in the winter. They must leave before the winter comes.

SAMIRA: Where do these birds go to?

GALI: They fly all the way to Africa. Luckily, they stop here at the Hula Valley to rest.

SAMIRA: When is the best time to visit the Hula Valley?

GALI: In the spring or in the autumn. That is when most birds come to rest here. In the autumn, they stop here before they go on to Africa, and in the spring, they return to the Hula Valley before they go back home.

SAMIRA: Do you have any other advice²?

GALI: Yes. Get here early in the morning. It is less crowded³ and you will see more birds.

¹ Nature Reserve שמורת טבע / محمية طبيعية

² advice לצה / نصيحة

³ crowded מצפוף / مزدحم



Answer the questions.

1. What does Gali teach?
2. Where do the birds come from?
3. Why do the birds stop in Israel?
4. Where do the birds fly to after their stop at the Hula Valley?
5. When do the birds come back to Israel?
6. Why is it a good idea to visit the Hula Valley early in the morning?

ענו על השאלות.
أجيبوا عن الأسئلة.

D FACTS AND OPINIONS

A **fact** is a true statement that can be proved.

עובדה (fact) היא אמירה נכונה שניתן להוכיח אותה.
الحقيقة (fact) هي قول يمكن إثباته.

The month of April has 30 days.

An **opinion** is what someone thinks, feels or believes.

דעה (opinion) היא מה שמישהו חושב, מרגיש או מאמין.
الرأي (opinion) هو ما يعتقد به أحد، يشعره أو يؤمن به.

Spring is the most beautiful season of all.

1 In an interview, we read both facts and opinions. Which of the sentences below are facts? Which are opinions?

עובדה או דעה?
حقيقة أم رأي؟

1. I think it is very exciting. *opinion*
2. Millions of birds come to the Hula Valley each year.
3. It is a good idea to visit the Hula Nature Reserve in the early morning.
4. Spring is the best time to visit the Hula Valley.
5. In the autumn, millions of birds rest at the Hula Nature Reserve.

2 Write two facts and two opinions about Israel.

כתבו שתי עובדות ושתי דעות על ישראל.
أكتبوا حقيقتين ورأيين عن إسرائيل.

The Dead Sea is the lowest place on Earth. (fact)

Jerusalem is a beautiful city. (opinion)

Word Power

A 1 Are the sentences true or false? Pay attention to the new words in bold.

נכון או לא נכון?
صحيح أم غير صحيح؟

1. You can **return** a book to the library.
2. Teens usually go to bed **early**.
3. You can see many flowers in the **spring**.
4. People need to **rest** when they are not tired.
5. The weather changes in the **autumn**.
6. When something is free, it is very **expensive**.

2 Correct the three false sentences.

תקנו את שלושת המשפטים שאינם נכונים.
صحّحوا الجمل الثلاث غير الصحيحة.