

Reading

1 Read the text. For questions 1–5 choose 'Right', 'Wrong' or 'Doesn't Say'.

- 1 Ten people are on the trip. **A** Right **B** Wrong **C** Doesn't Say
- 2 On Day 5 it was usual for the men to see weird animals. **A** Right **B** Wrong **C** Doesn't Say
- 3 Day 8 is a clear sunny day. **A** Right **B** Wrong **C** Doesn't Say
- 4 On Day 10 lightning was seen before thunder was heard. **A** Right **B** Wrong **C** Doesn't Say
- 5 Cortez decided that he and the men should go home. **A** Right **B** Wrong **C** Doesn't Say

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A Terrible Trip

Day 1

It's 3rd December and our trip begins! Ten men and I, Giles Cortez, will travel hundreds of kilometres into Australia. We hope to find a great lake in the large desert that we have heard about in books and from other travellers who have tried to make this very difficult trip.

Day 5

It's a beautiful day and the men and I are happy. Yesterday, we travelled about 30km and we saw some very strange things. It was common for us to see creatures in the distance – they didn't look like anything we knew! And the insects – so many of them!

Day 8

We're in the desert. There are stones and sand everywhere – there aren't any plants or trees. The sun is shining brightly in the sky. My friend Dominic recorded a temperature of 35°C! Now at 7pm, the temperature has fallen to 18°C. It will be cold sleeping on the ground tonight.

Day 10

It's an awful day. It's very windy and we cannot see because of the sand in our eyes. Two hours ago, at 8 in the morning, there was a terrible thunderstorm – but of course, no rain. First, we heard a crash of thunder and then we saw a flash of lightning. We were very frightened that we might be hit.

Day 15

It was decided this morning that we will go back. This isn't a place for animals – or people! We haven't discovered any water. The trip has been hard for me and the men. It is 18th December, it is 38°C, and it's time to go home!