

Reading 3 – Australia

In this part of the exam you need to fill in 12 gaps. Read the text below and choose the most suitable word for each blank from the words given.



I was not born in Australia, but I have lived there since I was a little child. People call Australia *The lucky country*. Australia has golden ① and blue skies, but also a big desert and a lot of dangerous animals. However, Australia is more than just its landscapes and animals.

It became independent from the United Kingdom in 1901. It ② only 116 years old. It is situated in the south of Indonesia. Its large size is difficult to understand for most Europeans. Australia is almost as big as the whole of Europe.

There are few big towns in Australia and sometimes they are far from each other. To drive from one town to another on different coasts can take a week, as you ③ to travel through one of the ④ and most inhospitable deserts in the world. That is the reason why most people ⑤

Australia is very famous for its large number of dangerous animals. Many people ⑥ me if the animals in Australia are really dangerous. The answer is yes. In my city sharks are common in the ⑦, meaning I am very ⑧ when I go surfing. Snakes are also a problem. For example, in my garden, there are often many dangerous snakes that can kill a man if they don't have an antidote within 3 hours.

Australia has different cultures. Almost ⑨ of all Australians were born in other countries or had one parent ⑩ was born in another country. In Australia, the most ⑪ sport is Australian football. It is incredibly ⑫ to both play and watch.

I hope that now you all know a little bit more about Australia.

29. Write the word that corresponds to each number:

ASK	BEACHES	CAREFUL	FLY
HAVE	OCEAN	FUN	IS
POPULAR	HALF	LARGEST	WHO

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