

OUR TRIP 'DOWN UNDER'

Put the verbs in the brackets into Past Simple (all verbs are regular)

My mum _____(love) Australia. She _____(adore) anything connected to Australia. Kangaroos, koala bears, Uluru, sun, sea and surfing, she _____(love) all that. She even _____(support) the Aussie cricket team and we are British! She also _____(like) to watch Australian soaps: 'Neighbours', 'Home and Away', 'the Young Doctors'. She _____(dream) to go and visit the country and my dad _____(agree). My sister Ginny and I were



also ready to go: I must admit, I like Australia, too! We _____(save) up for three years for our trip and finally, last summer, we _____(travel). Luckily, that was before the coronavirus pandemic! We _____(hurry) to Sydney and _____(stop) in the town centre in a nice hotel. We _____(stay) there for five days. We _____(look) at the Opera



House of course, but we didn't go to an opera. We had a trip out to see Uluru. It was magnificent, a brilliant sight. We _____(want) to see some of the wildlife, so we _____(book) a trip to Edith Falls National Park. The scenery was wonderful and it was great to see koala bears! Finally, we _____(visit) Northern Queensland and _____(enjoy) some time at a fantastic beach. We didn't surf, but we _____(jump) into the sea from the rock. It was brilliant. We _____(notice) the people were very friendly; everyone _____(greet) us with a 'G'day' and

the food was really delicious. My mum was so happy! Now, she wants to go and live there, but my dad says 'No!' - well, at least for the time being!

By Lucy from Coventry, UK

Say if the following sentences are TRUE or FALSE:

1. ___ Lucy's mum hates Australia and things to do with Australia.
2. ___ Lucy and her family are British.
3. ___ Lucy and her sister Ginny didn't want to go to Australia.
4. ___ They were in Australia before the pandemic.
5. ___ They visited an opera.
6. ___ They were in a national park and saw some koala bears.
7. ___ When they were at the beach, they went surfing.
8. ___ They all think that the Australians were very friendly.

Write about your trip you liked most of all (5-8 sentences). Use Past Simple.