



Emma's Australian Adventure

Fill in the gaps with the correct verb tense, then listen and check.

Emma embarked on an unforgettable journey to explore the wonders of Australia. Over the past few months, she 1.(travel) far and wide across this vast and diverse country, immersing herself in its rich culture and natural beauty. From the bustling cities to the remote outback, Emma 2.(experience) a myriad of adventures that have left a lasting impression on her.



One of the highlights of Emma's trip was her visit to the vibrant city of Melbourne. She 3. (arrive) in Melbourne on a sunny afternoon and immediately 4.(fall) in love with its eclectic mix of art, culture, and cuisine. While she 5. (stroll) along the famous laneways, she 6. (discover) hidden street art masterpieces and cosy cafes where she 7. (enjoy) delicious flat whites and avocado toast.

After exploring Melbourne, Emma 8.(decide) to venture into the rugged wilderness of the Australian Outback. She 9.(always want) to experience the vastness and solitude of this iconic landscape. As she 10. (drive) through the dusty red roads, she 11. (spot) kangaroos hopping in the distance and emus roaming freely across the plains. Camping under the starlit sky, Emma 12.(feel) a sense of peace and connection with nature that she had never experienced before.

Continuing her journey, Emma 13.(also visit) some of Australia's most iconic natural wonders. She 14.(explore) the breath-taking Great Barrier Reef off the coast of Queensland, where she 15. (snorkel) among vibrant coral reefs teeming with marine life. The crystal-clear waters and colourful fish 16. (leave) her in awe of this underwater paradise.

In Western Australia, Emma 17.(venture) into the striking Bungle Bungle Range in the Kimberley region. The beehive-shaped towers and rugged landscapes 18. (captivate) her as she 19. (hike) through this ancient landform, marvelling at its unique geological formations.

As Emma 20.(travel) further into the heart of Australia, she 21.(have) the privilege of meeting Aboriginal people who 22.(share) their rich culture and traditions with her. She 23.(listen) to their stories around a campfire under a starlit sky, learning about their deep connection to the land and their ancient customs.



Her next stop was Kakadu National Park in Australia's Northern Territory, where she 24.(explore) its diverse ecosystems, wetlands, and ancient rock art sites 25.(create) by Aboriginal ancestors thousands of years ago.

With each new destination and encounter, Emma's Australian adventure 26.(become) more enriching and captivating. From bustling cities to remote wilderness areas, she 27.(see), experienced, and learned so much about this diverse country. Her journey was a tapestry of unforgettable moments that 28.(will) forever hold a special place in her heart.

Exercise 1. Listen to the text again and decide whether the statements are true (T) or false (F).

- Emma travelled to Australia to explore both its cities and wilderness areas. T/F
- Emma disliked Melbourne because of its crowded streets and lack of culture. T/F
- Emma camped under the stars while exploring the Australian Outback. T/F
- Emma visited the Great Barrier Reef but did not snorkel due to rough waters. T/F
- Emma saw kangaroos and emus while driving through the Australian Outback. T/F
- The Bungle Bungle Range is located in Queensland, Australia. T/F
- Emma was captivated by the ancient rock art in Kakadu National Park. T/F
- While in Australia, Emma learned about Aboriginal culture and traditions. T/F
- Emma stayed in major cities throughout her entire journey across Australia. T/F
- The Great Barrier Reef left Emma in awe with its vibrant marine life and clear waters T/F.

Exercise 2. Listen again and choose the correct answer—a, b, c or d.

- What was one of the highlights of Emma's trip?
 - a) Visiting Sydney
 - b) Exploring the Great Barrier Reef
 - c) Hiking the Blue Mountains
 - d) Visiting Aboriginal cultural centres

- What type of art did Emma discover while walking through Melbourne?
 - a) Sculpture
 - b) Paintings in museums
 - c) Street art
 - d) Photography



- What animals did Emma see while driving through the Australian Outback? (Write your answer)

- How did Emma feel while camping under the stars in the Outback?
 - a) Anxious
 - b) Peaceful
 - c) Bored
 - d) Tired

- Where is the Great Barrier Reef located?
 - a) Off the coast of Queensland
 - b) Near Sydney
 - c) In Western Australia
 - d) Along the southern coast

- Which region is home to the Bungle Bungle Range that Emma visited?
 - a) Victoria
 - b) Queensland
 - c) Western Australia
 - d) South Australia

- What did Emma learn from the Aboriginal people she met? (Write your answer)

- What national park did Emma visit to see ancient rock art?
 - a) Blue Mountains National Park
 - b) Kakadu National Park
 - c) Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park
 - d) Great Sandy National Park

- Which of the following best describes Emma's experience in Australia?
 - a) A busy and stressful adventure
 - b) A culturally and naturally enriching journey
 - c) A boring and uneventful trip
 - d) A difficult and dangerous exploration

- Describe one thing that Emma loved about Australia. (Write your answer)



3. Grammar Exercise - Present Perfect Tense:

- Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in the present perfect tense:

1. Emma _____ (explore) the Great Barrier Reef.
2. She _____ (meet) Aboriginal people in the Outback.
3. By the time she arrived in Melbourne, she _____ (already/visit) Sydney.
4. While she _____ (drive) through the Outback, she _____ (spot) kangaroos.
5. Before her trip, Emma _____ (dream) of visiting Uluru.

4. Vocabulary Exercise - Natural Wonders:

- Match the natural wonders mentioned in the text with their descriptions:

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| 1. Great Barrier Reef | A. Beehive-shaped towers |
| 2. Bungle Bungle Range | B. Largest coral reef system |
| 3. Blue Mountains | C. UNESCO World Heritage Site with eucalyptus forests |

5. Comprehension Exercise:

- Answer the following questions based on the text:

1. Where did Emma visit in Australia?
2. What did she enjoy doing in Melbourne?
3. Which natural wonders did Emma explore during her trip?
4. Describe Emma's encounter with Aboriginal people.
5. What are some highlights of Emma's Australian adventure?



6. Grammar Exercise - Past Simple vs Past Continuous:

- Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in either past simple or past continuous tense:

1. While she _____ (stroll) along the laneways, she _____ (discover) hidden street art.
2. Emma _____ (decide) to venture into the Outback because she _____ (always want) to experience its vastness.
3. As she _____ (drive) through the Outback, she _____ (spot) kangaroos hopping around.
4. When she arrived at Uluru, she _____ (feel) a sense of awe at its beauty.
5. During her trip, Emma _____ (meet) Aboriginal people who _____ (share) their stories with her.

7. Vocabulary Exercise - Geographical Places:

- Match the geographical places mentioned in the text with their descriptions:

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| 1. Melbourne | A. Majestic sandstone monolith in the Outback |
| 2. Uluru | B. Vibrant city with hidden laneways |
| 3. Kakadu National Park | C. Vast protected area with diverse ecosystems and ancient rock art |

8. Writing Exercise - Travel Journal Entry:

Imagine you are Emma and write a journal entry about one of your memorable experiences during your Australian adventure. Include details about the location you visited, the activities you did, and how you felt during that moment. Use past simple, past continuous, and present perfect tense to describe your experience vividly. Aim to capture the essence of the place and convey your emotions effectively in your journal entry.