

Student B: RICKY MEGEE

A farmer couldn't believe what he saw when he came across a stranger living on his farm. The man, Ricky Megée, ¹*lived / had been living* off the land in the Australian bush for two months. Ricky ²*had been driving / had driven* near the border of Western Australia and Northern Territory. He ³*stopped / had stopped* to help some people whose car had broken down and offered one of them a lift to a nearby town. Unfortunately, the passenger turned out to be a robber, who stole Ricky's car. Ricky was now completely lost in the bush. He ⁴*ate / had eaten* insects, snakes and frogs and eventually managed to find a dam to provide him with water. He built a small shelter there and waited, hoping to be rescued. 71 days after being left, Ricky was found by the farmer. He ⁵*'d lost / was losing* more than 50 kg in weight during his time in the bush.

