

★ Well, this is our last ezine this year. We've won the prize to write for the international ezine, so today we're going to tell you about some of the other countries in the competition.

**Kid's Box reports**  
★ Countries



In India they speak more than 24 languages, but Hindi and English are the two most important languages. Indians love the cinema and in Bollywood they make more films a year than in Hollywood in the USA.



Brazil is the fifth biggest country in the world. The people from Brazil are Brazilian, but they speak Portuguese. Apart from in Portugal and Brazil, people speak Portuguese in five other countries.



Mexico is in North America, but the Mexicans have spoken Spanish there for hundreds of years. More people speak Spanish in Mexico than in Spain. Did you know that modern chewing gum first came from trees in Mexico in the 19th century?



Germany has the biggest population in Europe. About 81 million people live there. The Germans make more cars than any other European country. The famous composers Bach, Beethoven and Wagner were all German too.

More tourists visit France than any other country: about 83 million every year. The French also have the most famous bike race in the world, which is called the Tour de France.



Greece is not an island, but there are about 2,000 Greek islands. A lot of the words we use today, like 'mathematics' and 'telephone', come from Greek.



- 1 Where did chewing gum come from?
- 2 Which country gets the most visitors?
- 3 Name the world's fifth biggest country.
- 4 Where was Bach from?
- 5 What happens in Bollywood?
- 6 Which old language gives us modern words?


Brazil

Mexico

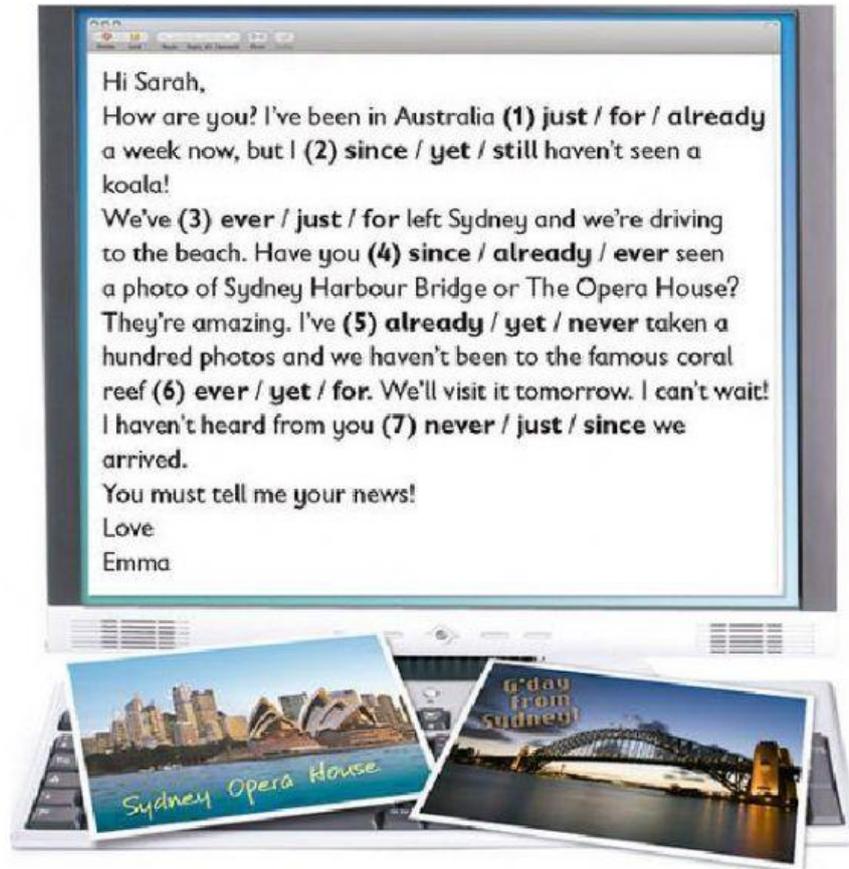
Germany

France

They make films.

Greek

Read and choose the right words.



Hi Sarah,

How are you? I've been in Australia **(1) just / for / already** a week now, but I **(2) since / yet / still** haven't seen a koala!

We've **(3) ever / just / for** left Sydney and we're driving to the beach. Have you **(4) since / already / ever** seen a photo of Sydney Harbour Bridge or The Opera House? They're amazing. I've **(5) already / yet / never** taken a hundred photos and we haven't been to the famous coral reef **(6) ever / yet / for**. We'll visit it tomorrow. I can't wait! I haven't heard from you **(7) never / just / since** we arrived.

You must tell me your news!

Love  
Emma

The laptop screen shows an email with seven numbered blanks for word choice. Below the screen are two photos: one of the Sydney Opera House with the text 'Sydney Opera House' written on it, and another of the Sydney Harbour Bridge with the text 'G'day from Sydney!' written on it.