

EXAM BASIC LEVEL 2

1) Read the magazine article and choose TRUE or FALSE

Australia – a great place to be

When people think of Australia, they often picture beautiful beaches, lovely weather, and lots of dangerous animals – we have these things, but Australia is more interesting than you might think.

Australia is in the South Pacific and it's the world's biggest island. We don't have any borders with other countries and our closest neighbours are Papua New Guinea and East Timor. Australia is the sixth largest country in the world. It's thirty times bigger than the United Kingdom, but nearly three times more people live in the UK. In the centre of the country there is a lot of desert. Most Australians live near the coast, where the biggest cities are.

There are plenty of exciting cities to visit here, including Canberra, our capital, and Sydney, which is famous for its Opera House and amazing harbour. However, it is Melbourne which is near the top of the list of the 'most wonderful beaches, a great nightlife, fantastic shops, and lots of arts festivals and exhibitions.

Australia is a fascinating place to visit. We're very proud of our country and we usually welcome tourists. Our way of visit people. If someone invites you to dinner, it's a good idea to take along flowers or wine for your host.

The good weather means we can do lots of outdoor activities. Summer lasts from December to February, and winter from June to August. However, Australia is enormous and the weather isn't the same everywhere. The north has two types of weather – very wet and very dry! The centre stays dry all year round. But in the south, the weather changes from season to season. Summer in the south is hot, but winter can be cold, wet, and windy – you can even go skiing in the mountains!

Come and visit.

1 Australia is the South Pacific.

A True B False C Doesn't say

2 Australia has a border with Papua New Guinea.

A True B False C Doesn't say

3 Australia is one of the six biggest countries in the world.

A True B False C Doesn't say

4 A lot of the land in the centre of the country is desert.

A True B False C Doesn't say

5 There are some cities in the middle of Australia.

A True B False C Doesn't say

6 Most Australians can swim.

A True B False C Doesn't say

7 Sydney is at the top of the list of the most exciting cities in the world.

A True B False C Doesn't say

8 Australia is an interesting place for tourists.

A True B False C Doesn't say

9 Australians are usually formal to tourists.

A True B False C Doesn't say

10 Water sports are very popular.

A True B False C Doesn't say

11 It rains in the autumn in the north.

A True B False C Doesn't say

2) Complete the dialogue by putting the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

A Have you seen (you / see) this film before?

B No, I 1 _____. What about you?

A I 2 _____ (see) it last year at the cinema.

B I 3 _____ (meet) the main actor a few years ago.

A Wow! I 4 _____ (not / meet) anyone famous.

B It 5 _____ (be) before he was famous. He 6 _____ (go) to the same school as my brother, John. John's an actor, too.

A Really? 7 _____ (he / be) on TV?

B No, he usually works in the theatre.

3) Complete the sentences with the comparative form of the adjective in brackets.

1 Your computer was _____ (expensive) than mine.

2 Sara's a _____ (bad) cook than me.

3 I think the mountains are _____ (beautiful) than the beach.

4 It's _____ (hot) in Greece than in Sweden.

5 Anton's a _____ (good) dancer than you.

6 Swimming in the sea is _____ (dangerous) than swimming in a pool.

7 I'm _____ (happy) now than when I was a teenager.

8 This year's course is _____ (hard) than last year's course.

9 My sister is _____ (young) than me.

4) Complete the sentences with **a, an, some, or any**.

1 'I'm hungry.' 'Do you want _____ apple?'

2 Let's make _____ bread this evening.

3 He's a vegetarian. He doesn't want _____ meat.

4 'Are there _____ bananas?' 'No. Pete had the last one.'

5 Do you want _____ sandwich?

6 There are _____ eggs in the fridge.

7 There are _____ strawberries in the fridge.

5) Mark the correct verb.

1 'Would you hope / like / plan to have dinner with me?'

2 Laura's liking / being / planning to move to the USA. She's got a job there.

3 There's a new film on at the cinema that I really want / like / would to see.

4 He's studying hard because he likes / would / hopes to get a place at university.

5 There's nothing for dinner. We need / go / would to go to the supermarket.

6 Cooking isn't difficult. You just need / learn / hope to practise.

6) Complete the sentences with the correct word.

1 He isn't interested in fashion. He prefers to dress _____.

casually perfectly fashionably

2 'Is she a good dancer?' 'No, she dances really _____.'

well perfectly badly

3 He isn't a very good driver – sometimes he drives _____.

carefully well dangerously

4 You sang that song _____. Well done!

beautifully fashionably really

5 I can't understand you when you speak _____.

politely fast carefully

6 We can't sleep because they play their music _____.

quietly dangerously loudly

7 He eats very _____ – he has fast food every day.

unhealthily hard noisily

8 Read the exam questions carefully.

politely carefully casually

7) Listen and mark if the sentences are true or false.

1. Patrick and Selina have never met each other before.

True False

2. Selina still lives in London.

True False

3. Selina didn't like her job in London.

True False

4. Selina is living with her parents.

True False

5. Patrick also went to London.

True False

6. Selina is surprised that Patrick is married.

True False

7. Patrick has a daughter named Marigold.

True False

8. Patrick invites Selina to his house.

True False

8) Listen to it again and write the correct number in the blank spaces.

1. They have not seen each other for over _____ years.

2. Selina was in London for _____ years.

3. Selina has been back for _____ months.

4. Patrick has been married for _____ years.

5. Patrick's children are _____ and _____ years old.