

Listen to David Taylor Bews (33). He comes from England, but now lives in Perth, Australia. He has started to research his family history.



I _____(come) from Newcastle in England, but now I live in Perth, Australia. I've _____(be) here nearly ten years. My wife, Jodie, is Australian and our children, Russell and Alice, _____(born) here. Alice is named after my grandmother, her great-grandmother, Alice Bews. She's 89 now and still _____(live) in Newcastle. Lately I _____(become) really interested in my family history back in the UK. I've started speaking to my grandmother about it. I _____(find) out that she was the youngest of nine children and the only one to have been born in England. Her eight brothers and sisters were all born in Scotland. They _____(come) from the very north of Scotland, from some islands called the Orkneys. They _____(work) there as farmers over a hundred years ago. My grandmother _____(tell) me that hundreds of years before that our family's ancestors _____(be) actually Norwegian - they came over to Scotland in the 9th century. She _____(say) that's why we all _____(have) blonde hair in our family. Anyway, it became more and more difficult for my great-grandparents to make a living farming so they _____(travel) south. They finally _____(arrive) in the north of England, in Newcastle, with their eight children. Alice was born soon after they arrived.

