

– A Day in the Life of a Jillaroo

Part 1: Read the Text

Read the blog post about Erin carefully. Then answer the questions.

Erin's Australian Adventure Blog **12 July**

Hi everyone! Well, here I am, in the Australian outback! It's a big change from Sydney, but I'm really enjoying the peace and quiet here, and the scenery is just amazing! It's late now and the sun is slowly setting behind the mountains. I'm still dressed in my work clothes.

For two weeks, I'm what they call a 'Jillaroo', which is a cowgirl in training. The young men in training with me are called 'Jackaroos'. There are twenty of us staying on the ranch. Every morning we wake up at sunrise to feed the ranch animals before we have breakfast. After that, we spend most of the morning with the horses. For Jillaroos and Jackaroos, your horse is your best friend, so we learn how to gain their trust. My horse's name is Sheila. We're not close friends yet, but we're making progress.

Being a Jillaroo isn't just about working with horses. In the evenings, we go trekking and learn how to set up campsites. Our instructor, Bill, is great. I love it when we gather around the campfire drinking tea.

Well, that's all for now. Wish me luck on the ranch.

Part 2: Multiple Choice

Circle the correct answer.

1. Where is Erin now?
 - a) In Sydney
 - b) In the Australian outback
 - c) In a small town
 2. What is a Jillaroo?
 - a) A cowgirl in training
 - b) A teacher
 - c) A farmer's wife
 3. What are the young men called?
 - a) Cowboys
 - b) Farmers
 - c) Jackaroos
 4. What do they do before breakfast?
 - a) Ride horses
 - b) Feed the animals
 - c) Drink tea
 5. What is Erin's horse's name?
 - a) Bella
 - b) Sheila
 - c) Molly
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Part 3: True or False

Write **T (True)** or **F (False)**.

6. _____ Erin is in Sydney now.
 7. _____ There are twenty people staying on the ranch.
 8. _____ Erin and her horse are already best friends.
 9. _____ In the evenings, they go trekking.
 10. _____ Erin does not like her instructor.
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Part 4: Short Answer

Answer in complete sentences.

11. What time do they wake up?

12. What do they learn to do with their horses?

13. What do they do around the campfire?

14. How does Erin feel about life in the outback?
