



4th Adolescents – Midterm Test

Name: _____

READING COMPREHENSION

My Australian Adventure

13-year-old Alicia Jones writes about her trip to Sydney

We arrived here in Sydney on Friday morning and we've been exploring the city for a few days now. It's such a great place with so many amazing and cool things to see and do. But I think the best thing about the city is that you can never get bored. Both my parents enjoyed eating out in lots of different restaurants, and my little brother really loved our trip on the jet boat that took us around Sydney Harbour! The boat travelled really fast, and we saw the Opera House and Harbour Islands as well. We even went past the Taronga Zoo!

But the real adventure begins tomorrow afternoon. That's when we're taking the train to Perth on the Indian Pacific railway! It's one of the longest train journeys in the world – 4,352 km! We'll be travelling past gold mines, the amazing Blue Mountains, and we may even be lucky enough to see some wild animals as well. I hope I get to see some kangaroos! Of course, it's faster to travel by plane, but Dad thought this would be much more fun, and it's something we've never done before!

Because we'll be on the train for four days, we've booked two cabins so that we can sleep more easily. Having a bed of our own, instead of trying to sleep in a train seat, will really help. I'll be staying with my mum, and my brother will be staying in my dad's cabin. We've also got some space for our luggage – and all the souvenirs we've bought of course! We have to share a bathroom with some of the other passengers on the train, but that's OK.

When we arrive in Perth next Sunday, we're going to stay with my aunt and uncle. They have a nice house by the beach. I'd really like to visit the night food market. It has food from 30 different countries around the world, and it only opens at night. It's free to enter the market, and there are even some bands that play there. I can't wait!

1. Read the text. What do these words and numbers represent? Choose the correct answer.

1 exploring the city

- A what they have been doing in Sydney
- B what they want to do in Perth

2 4,352 kilometres

- A the distance between Sydney and Perth
- B the distance between Sydney and the Blue Mountains

3 four days

- A the amount of time they have been on holiday
- B the amount of time they will be on the train

- 4 next Sunday
A the day they will arrive in Perth
B the day they will go home
- 5 30 countries
A the number of countries Alicia has visited
B the number of countries represented at the food market

2. Read the text again. For each question choose the best answer

- 1 Where would you normally see this kind of article?
A in a newspaper
B in a blog
C in an email
D in a report
- 2 Why has Alicia written the article?
A to tell people facts about Australia
B to explain why she is on holiday
C to encourage others to go to Australia
D to tell her friends what she has been doing on holiday
- 3 What did her brother enjoy most about Sydney?
A eating out in restaurants
B visiting the zoo
C taking the harbour tour
D exploring the city
- 4 What does Alicia want to do in Perth?
A She wants to go to the beach.
B She wants to try different kinds of food.
C She wants to go to a concert.
D She wants to do some shopping.
- 5 How does Alicia feel about her holiday so far?
A excited about trying new things
B annoyed about not having her own bathroom on the train
C concerned that she won't have time to do everything
D surprised at how long the train journey will be