

can make one that will do complicated things like having discussions, but they think it's some years away.

The whole day with Kai was a success. Now lots of us feel we want to go into careers in science and technology – which was just the result our headmaster had wanted. He said the day had been worth all the hard work to arrange it. As for me, I want to become a scientist and learn to make a robot. Even better than the one that paid a visit to my school.

C. Look at the sentences below about a circus in Australia. Read the text to decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, mark "A", if it is not correct, mark "B".

1. Circus Oz was formed by people who had some experience of working in circuses.
2. The aim of Circus Oz was to combine traditional circus skills with new ideas.
3. Apart from one member, the performers are the same as when Circus Oz started.
4. Some members of Circus Oz have joined a Chinese circus.
5. When Circus Oz first started, the tents were hired.
6. The audience has a better view at a Circus Oz show than at other circuses.
7. Musicians perform with Circus Oz.
8. Some food is available during Circus Oz performances.
9. Beginners can join the Circus Skills class.
10. There are classes for two age groups in the holidays.

CIRCUS, CIRCUS, CIRCUS

In 1977 two already successful circus groups, Soapbox Circus and the New Circus, joined together to start Circus Oz. The performers loved ordinary circus skills but they wanted to make a different kind of show, adding music, theatre and comedy. They got together a collection of old trucks and caravans and went on the road. It was a fresh and original voice in circus and was immediately popular with audiences. Only one of the original members of the circus remains now but it has kept the same aims.

Since that time, Circus Oz has performed in 26 different countries. In the mid-1980s new circus groups began to appear across the world and Circus Oz performers went to train with acrobats from China's Nanjing Acrobatic Troupe. Many of the skills learnt then are still in the show, although the style is now definitely Circus Oz rather than Chinese.

As with all circuses, performances take place inside a tent or Big Top. Circus Oz's first tent was sewn together by performers in a large basement. It was used for years to tour Australia but when it became too small, Circus Oz was forced to hire tents or move into theatres.

In 2002, Circus Oz had a new tent made. It is designed with few poles inside so people watching can see better than in other circuses.

The performances are suitable for people of all ages and each show features a live band. The Big Top is heated and air-conditioned but audiences need to dress for the time of year. Snacks and drinks are served in the Big Top but not full meals.

Circus Oz classes are held at the Circus Oz Headquarters in Port Melbourne. Every Saturday of the school term there are classes for both children and teenagers. The Introduction to Circus class is for 7–12 year olds taking the children through a range of circus skills with a focus on developing good form and having fun. The Circus Skills class is for 8–12 year olds, and is offered to children who have already done a few terms of Introduction to Circus. The Teenage Special class is for 13–18 year olds. This class is for both beginners and those who are continuing from the Circus Skills class. Classes are also run during some of the school holidays. There is a class for 7–12 year olds along with a teenage class. Both classes are for beginners and those who have been practising their skills for a while.

D. Look at the sentences below about an outdoor activity centre. Read the text to decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, mark "A", if it is not correct, mark "B".

1. In August, four people visiting the centre together by car would pay more than two people.
2. The centre has activities for a range of age groups.
3. There are windsurfing courses every weekend.
4. The centre has special equipment for people who are learning to windsurf.
5. There is an extra hire charge for the board on the windsurfing course.
6. The adventure course is suitable for beginners.
7. The centre is planning to add extra facilities to the Play Park.
8. It is possible for individual visitors to stay overnight at the centre.
9. On the holiday programme children are allowed to do any sport they are interested in.
10. Summer adventure holidays are open to any child between eight and fourteen years who can swim.

The Outdoor Centre

Opening times

Water sports: 10 am – 6 pm

Play Park: 10 am – 5.30 pm

Entrance/Car park fees

Low season: Weekdays £2.00 per car

High season: 23 July – 11 September

Weekends £3.00 per car

Weekdays and weekends £3.00 per car

Fees are for car with four people. Each extra person is 50p. Fees to be paid at main office.

The centre is not a private club; it is an organization whose aim is to provide outdoor sport recreation facilities for all member of the public.

Group visitors are requested to inform the centre in advance of their intended visit.

Windsurfing – One-day course

Beginner windsurfing courses are offered on Saturdays and Sundays when the weather is good enough. Learning to windsurf is a lot of fun. The excitement when you sail across the water for the first time is not easily forgotten. Boards with small sails are available for beginners.

Course fee: £32.50 (this includes all equipment).

One-day adventure course

This is an opportunity you have been waiting for. Come and try sailing, climbing, surfing and archery. This course is intended to introduce outdoor activities to adults in a fun, leisurely manner. You do not need to be extremely fit or to have had previous experience of the activities. All you need is to be interested.

Course fee: £ 22.50.

Play Park

The Play Park is suitable for children from two to ten years of age. It is one of the best of its type in the country. It has sand and water play slides, large ball pool, play castle and much, much more. Next year the centre will open a new Play Palace and Play Ship.

Group and residential courses

We also offer day and long weekend courses for groups. We receive regular visits from schools, colleges and youth groups. There are three large rooms with twelve beds in each, which can be booked in advance for groups of up to 36 people (minimum 12).

Summer adventure holidays (for 8-14 years of age)

Sailing Climbing Windsurfing Fun Games

Safety is of primary importance at the Outdoor Centre. All staff are fully trained in First Aid, and qualified to teach the activities on offer. We also make certain that all children only take part in activities that are suitable for their age and physical abilities. For this programme children must be able to swim 25 metres and be in good physical health.

E. Look at the sentences below about a stamp collecting club. Read the text to decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, mark "A", if it is not correct, mark "B".

1. The Stamp Collectors' Club sends you special stamps from many different countries.
2. The Club sends every member the same set of new stamps.
3. Information packs include a full set of stamps.
4. It costs £5 a year to join the Stamp Collectors' Club.
5. It is cheaper if several people join the Club together.
6. The Club sends each new member a hundred free stamps.
7. The guide tells you where you may be able to buy the stamps you want.
8. Members of the Club are sent a monthly magazine.
9. The magazine helps you to contact other members.
10. You must write a letter to the Club if you want to join.

Stamp Collecting. It's a hobby that can grow and grow

Millions of people of all ages enjoy a hobby which is both interesting and fun, and every year, more and more people start a stamp collection of their own and discover an interest which can last a lifetime. Starting your collection is easy because stamps are everywhere. Holiday postcards from friends, birthday cards from all over the world. But once you've started collecting seriously, you will probably want to join the Stamp Collectors' Club which exists to provide collectors with new British stamps.

As a Club member you order the special sets of new stamps you want for your collection. You can receive these in three different ways. We can either post you a complete set of stamps on an envelope addressed to you, or send you the same stamps in a colourful information pack with lots of interesting facts. Or, if you prefer, we can send you the individual stamps for you to arrange in a special book of your own.

The Stamp Collectors' Club has about 70,000 members and you could become a member too, with a two-year membership costing just £5. You can even get a reduction if a group of you join at the same time. We're sure you'll agree that this is great value for money.

And when you join, the Club sends you a Starter Pack at no extra cost. This contains 100 stamps to begin your collection, together with an attractive box to keep them in. You also receive our helpful 4-page guide to collecting, which has further suggestions on how to add to your collection and includes useful addresses of shops and businesses that sell stamps.

Every two months you'll get a copy of the club magazine, which is packed full of competitions and quizzes, and gives you the chance to exchange stamps with members around the world.

Why not start an adventure which will give you years of pleasure? You'll spend many happy hours looking at the amazing variety of stamps in your collection or searching for unusual ones which you know are out there somewhere just waiting to be found. So join the Stamp Collectors' Club and discover the fun and excitement of stamp collecting.

To join the Club simply complete the application form and send your membership fee. Your Starter Pack will be sent within 28 days of receipt of your application.