



READ THE FOLLOWING TEXT CAREFULLY!

A NEW LIFE DOWN UNDER

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DAY 1

We came straight from the airport to the farmhouse. It's huge! Our old flat was the opposite of small, but now we have fifteen rooms, including a sports room with a football table! Amazing.

DAY 2

This time last week, I was living in one of the world's biggest cities. More than 8,000,000 people live in London; almost as many as Tokyo. My new town has got a population of 389! I miss people, skyscrapers and traffic! We don't even have a car here.

DAY 4

We've now got a vehicle. But this isn't good news. When I went outside this morning, Dad and Mum were riding around the farm on an old motorbike! They were laughing like teenagers. They're forty-five.

DAY 7

There are only five classrooms at my new school (and a windmill to power the electricity)! I was really nervous at first, but all my classmates were really nice. Well, apart from one boy who laughed at my English pronunciation, but I didn't mind too much. There's always one school idiot!

DAY 10

This morning, Dad offered me a lift to school on the motorbike, but I was too embarrassed. That was a mistake. While I was walking, I saw two scorpions and I nearly stood on a big, black tarantula! In the UK, there were flies and sometimes a few little spiders. Australian insects belong to horror films!

DAY 15

Maybe this move isn't so bad. Yes, it's quiet, the animals are scary, and I'm still not sure about the motorbike. But people are really friendly, and it's hard to be sad when it's sunny every day!

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Choose the correct option to complete the summary

Sophie is from **the UK / Australia**. She is writing about her experiences of **moving to/ having a holiday in the UK / Australia**.

ARE THE SENTENCES TRUE (T) OR FALSE (F)? CHOOSE THE RIGHT ANSWER.

- Sophie's last home was small.
True False
- More people live in Tokyo than in London.
True False
- Sophie isn't pleased when her parents get a motorbike.
True False

4. All the students at Sophie's new school are friendly.
True False
5. Sophie feels upset about her first day at school.
True False
6. The only way Sophie can get to school is on foot.
True False
7. Sophie walked on an insect by mistake.
True False
8. Sophie still doesn't like everything about her new home.
True False

COMPLETE THE DEFINITIONS WITH COMPOUND NOUNS. USE SINGULAR OR PLURAL FORMS

windmill

lighthouse

babysitter

spaceship

Snowmobiles

caretaker

1. A _____ is a tall building that uses wind power for energy.
2. A _____ is a person who looks after a building, like a school.
3. _____ are small vehicles that people use to travel across snow.
4. A _____ is a vehicle that travels in space.
5. A _____ is a tall building that shines a light out to sea to warn ships of dangerous rocks.
6. A _____ is a person who looks after children while their parents are out.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION (PAST SIMPLE VS. PAST CONTINUOUS)

1. **Did you have / Were you having** a good summer holiday?
Lovey, thanks. At this time last week I was on the beach. I **didn't seat / wasn't sitting** in a classroom!
2. Oh dear! What **happened / was happening** to you?
I broke my leg while I **rode / was riding** a snowmobile!
3. What **did you do / were you doing** when I phoned at 9 o'clock last night?
Sorry. I **didn't hear / wasn't hearing** the phone. I was doing my homework!

CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION.

1. Everybody drinks tea here but I can't **get used to / be used** to it.
2. The noise in this neighbourhood is terrible but I **getting used to / am used to** it now.
3. The birds eventually **is used to / get used to** the traffic and live happily by the motorway.
4. Adapting to city life is hard but I'm slowly **getting used to / am used to** it.
5. John **is used to / used to** the cold. He's from Finland.
6. People who live in the jungle find it difficult to **being used to / get used to** the modern way of life.
7. She comes from a very wealthy family. She **used to / is used** to the good things in life.

COMPLETE THE TEXT WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THESE PHRASAL VERBS.

fill in find out get back give up hang out look after run away set up

Yesterday was awful! I _____ my little brother while my parents were out. My aunt and uncle _____ a new café in town, and my parents went to help them decorate.



I had lots of homework to do.

While I _____ the answers, Harry got bored. At first, he _____ in my room. I told him to go away. So he did. He went downstairs, opened the door – and _____ !

I looked for him everywhere. I didn't _____, I kept looking. Eventually, a neighbour phoned, and I _____ he was playing with a friend. We _____ home just before my parents did. I didn't tell them!