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Reading

My Australian Adventure

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

But the real adventure begins tomorrow. 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 see some wild animals too. I hope I see some kangaroos! It's faster to travel by plane, but Dad thought this would be more fun, and it's something we've never done before!

Because we'll be on the train for four days, we've booked 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 in my dad's cabin. We've also got some space for our luggage – and all the souvenirs we've bought! We have to share a bathroom with 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 like to visit the night food market. It has food from 30 countries around the world, and only opens at night. It's free to enter the market, and there are even some bands that play. I can't wait!

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Read the text. Decide if each statement is true (T) or false (F).

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| 1. Alicia and her brother have been on a jet boat. | T / F |
| 2. Her family has visited the zoo. | T / F |
| 3. The family are going to travel by train to Perth. | T / F |
| 4. Alicia says she wants to see some koalas. | T / F |
| 5. She is going to stay with friends in Perth. | T / F |

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Read the text again. For questions 1–5, choose the best answer (A, B, C or D).

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

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Listening

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PT Track 1 Listen to the conversation between Toby and his friend Sara.
Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D).

1. What does Toby say is the main reason he's in town?
 - A He wants to eat out at a new restaurant.
 - B He wants to do some shopping.
 - C He wants to relax.
 - D He wants to talk to Sara.
2. What does Toby think about the attic space?
 - A He's surprised how large it is.
 - B He thinks it's old and dusty.
 - C He's unsure it will work as a bedroom.
 - D He thinks the builders won't finish the work.
3. Toby says he should have the new bedroom because
 - A his brother will be at university before the work is finished.
 - B he thinks his own bedroom is too small.
 - C He has some decorating ideas for the space.
 - D he'll continue living in the house after his brother has left.
4. How does Toby feel about the building work at his house?
 - A He's worried that the noise will make it difficult for him to sleep.
 - B He's angry about the damage the builders have made.
 - C He's impatient about the amount of time the work is taking.
 - D He's uncomfortable with the builders being at the house.

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Listening 2

1 UT Track 10 -

Listen to a head teacher talking at a school assembly and decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

- 1) Last year the school raised over £4,500 for charity by having a concert. **True / False**
- 2) Mrs Smith will advise students about the design and the sound. **True / False**
- 3) If you want to work with Mr Agarwal, you should go to classroom 13. **True / False**
- 4) The time that the play will start has not been decided. **True / False**
- 5) Students can buy a programme from reception. **True / False**

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