



Ella's Place



Hi, everybody! I'm writing from Sydney, Australia. I really wanted to go to New York on our vacation. My parents insisted we remain in Sydney because they want to save money. So, we're staying home. We plan to visit all of Sydney's most popular places. Last week we discovered two beautiful buildings near our house – a Christian church and a Muslim mosque. It's the biggest mosque in Australia!

The weather was nice and cool, so we took a boat ride to the famous Sydney Opera House. We also went to the top of the Sydney Tower* Eye. You can see all of Sydney from there. Did you know that the tower is 309 meters above the ground? I'm learning new things about my city every day. Tomorrow we plan to get out into the country and visit the Blue Mountains.

In the end, I'm having a good time this summer. What about you, readers? Do you have any useful tips for staycations? Please write and tell me what you are doing!

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A. Answer the questions.

1. Why is Ella staying in Sydney?

- a. She doesn't want to go anywhere this summer.
- b. Her parents want to save money.
- c. She wants to stay with her friends.
- d. She doesn't feel well.

2. What buildings did Ella and her family discover near their home?

3. How did Ella get to the Sydney Opera House?

4. What does Ella ask her readers to do?

B. True or False

Read the statements below. Write **(T)** for True or **(F)** for False. If the statement is false, **correct it** to make it true.

1. Ella is on vacation in New York. _____
2. Ella's parents wanted to stay in Sydney to save money. _____
3. Ella visited the smallest mosque in Australia. _____
4. The Sydney Tower Eye is 309 meters tall. _____
5. Ella is having a boring time staying at home this summer. _____

Correction:

C. Complete the paragraph using words from the word bank below.

Bank: popular | discovered | vacation | country | famous | weather

Ella originally wanted to go to New York for her **(1)** _____, but she is staying in Sydney instead. She is visiting the city's most **(2)** _____ places. Last week, she **(3)** _____ two beautiful religious buildings near her house. Because the **(4)** _____ was cool, she took a boat to the **(5)** _____ Sydney Opera House. Tomorrow, she plans to leave the city and go into the **(6)** _____ to see the Blue Mountains.

D. What do the following words refer to?

1. they (line 3) - _____
2. We (line 4) - _____
3. It (line 7) - _____
4. You (line 16) - _____