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Robin Hood

Wonders Down Under



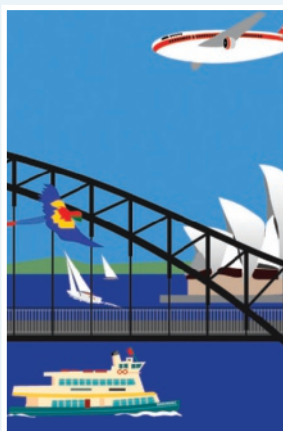
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Robin Hood



LET'S START

My reading habits

What sort of a reader are you?

Share your answers with the whole class.

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2 Have you read any book in the last 12 months?

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3 What type of books do you like reading?

- ☐ a) poetry
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 - ☐ c) comic books
 - ☐ d) adventure
 - ☐ e) horror stories
 - ☐ f) science fiction
 - ☐ g) love stories
 - ☐ h) mystery
 - ☐ i) others:
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4 How much time do you spend reading books/web pages/magazines/newspapers... each day?

- ☐ a) Less than one hour.
- ☐ b) One to four hours.
- ☐ c) Five or more hours.
- ☐ d) I don't read.

5 What was the last book you read?

(If you haven't read a book, write *Not Applicable*.)

6 How do you choose a book to read?
By the...

- ☐ a) cover
- ☐ b) title
- ☐ c) pictures
- ☐ d) number of pages
- ☐ e) author
- ☐ f) style
- ☐ g) other reasons:

BEFORE READING

1 Talk to a classmate about these questions.

- Have you ever read a book or seen a film about Robin Hood?
- Where did he live?
- Why did he become famous?

2 The story of Robin Hood is very famous. What do you know about it? Do this quiz and find out!

1. The story takes place in...

- ☐ a) England.
- ☐ b) Scotland.
- ☐ c) Wales.
- ☐ d) France.

2. Robin Hood lived in...

- ☐ a) a castle.
- ☐ b) a fortress.
- ☐ c) a forest.
- ☐ d) a palace.

3. He was an outlaw. An outlaw is a...

- ☐ a) prince.
- ☐ b) crusader.
- ☐ c) noble.
- ☐ d) criminal.

4. He became an outlaw because he...

- ☐ a) killed a man.
- ☐ b) killed a royal deer.
- ☐ c) stole from the king.
- ☐ d) refused to pay taxes.

5. Robin Hood took money from the rich and...

- ☐ a) gave it to his friends.
- ☐ b) gave it to the poor.
- ☐ c) gave it to the Sheriff.
- ☐ d) bought presents for Lady Marian.



- 3 Can you remember the names of the most important characters?
Read and match. Scan the story to check your answers.

Robin	1	A	Tuck
Little	2	B	John
Friar	3	C	of Nottingham
Maid	4	D	Hood
King Richard	5	E	the Lionheart
The Sheriff	6	F	John
Prince	7	G	Marian

- 4 Now write the names under the corresponding picture.



a)



b)



c)



d)



e)



f)



g)

Robin Hood

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There was once, over eight hundred years ago, an honest, courageous man who lived in Sherwood Forest in Nottinghamshire, which is a county in England. His name was Robin Hood.

Robin Hood was a robber who took money from the rich and gave it to the poor. But there was a good reason for this!

Good King Richard of England departed for the Middle East on a Crusade. During his absence, Prince John his envious, avaricious and tyrannical brother, usurped the crown. Most people called him 'Bad Prince John'. He ruled the country very badly and a lot of people lost their jobs and homes, so they became very poor people, begging for food or money in the streets.

Many people joined Robin Hood in the forest because they wanted to be free and to help the poor people. The chief of these men was called 'Little John', not because he was little, but because he was very big and strong! Another was a religious man called 'Friar Tuck', a good man, except that he loved food and ate too much, so he was very fat.

courageous – brave

robber – someone who steals money or other things from a person or place

Crusade – war fought in Palestine by European Christian countries against the Muslims in the Middle Ages

to beg – to ask somebody for food, money, etc, especially in the street



In the City of Nottingham, the most important city in Nottinghamshire, there was an evil sheriff who worked for Prince John. He was extremely dishonest and he stole land and money from the people of Nottingham. He hated Robin Hood because Robin took money from the rich, including the Sheriff's tax collectors. The Sheriff wanted all the money for himself.

Prince John travelled all around England taking money (excessive taxes) from the poor people in every place he visited. He always said 'Rob the poor, feed the rich!' He was particularly excited about visiting Nottingham. Apart from London, Nottingham was perhaps the richest place in England: a great place to steal some more money!

evil – bad and cruel

to steal – to take something from a person without permission and without intending to return it or pay for it

Note: you steal something, but you rob someone

to feed – to give food to someone



Robin Hood and his friends, who were called ‘The Merry Men’, discovered that Prince John was going to visit Nottingham. They made a fantastic plan: to dress up as women, pretend to be fortune-tellers, and rob the Prince. ‘It is a brilliant idea – the Prince will never suspect women!’ declared Robin. Very soon they had their opportunity; they waited for Prince John's carriage on the main road to Nottingham. They stopped the carriage and offered to tell the fortune of the Prince.

While Robin Hood distracted Prince John, his servants and his guards told the Prince about his future, his friends stole all the gold and treasure from the carriage. They left quickly after that and the Prince didn't discover the robbery until they were very far away. The Prince was furious, tricked by Robin Hood, the outlaw. He sent out all his men to find Robin Hood. They left ‘WANTED’ posters in all the towns in the county of Nottinghamshire, offering to pay one hundred pounds reward for the capture of Robin Hood. (A hundred pounds from those days is worth more than a hundred thousand pounds today!)

merry – happy and cheerful

to pretend – to make other people believe something that is not true

fortune-teller – a person who has magic powers and tells people what will happen in the future

to trick – to cheat somebody

outlaw – a person who does something illegal and hides to avoid being caught

reward – an amount of money that is offered to someone who helps the authorities to find a criminal



Meanwhile in the castle in Nottingham there lived a beautiful lady, Maid Marian. She was called 'Maid' because she refused to marry any man. She even refused the Sherriff on more than one occasion. She and Robin Hood grew up together as children and they loved each other. However, she was sent away to another town and she and Robin were apart for many years. Now she was in Nottingham Castle and Robin Hood was excited and wanted to see her, but he didn't know, now that they were adults, whether she still loved him.

Bad Prince John, who was still furious about being robbed by Robin Hood, decided to plan a trap to get Robin into the castle and capture him. In those days it was normal to have archery competitions in England. The Prince asked the Sheriff to organize a competition in Nottingham Castle open to every man in the county. He said he would offer the winner 100 gold coins and a kiss from the lovely Maid Marian. He knew Robin Hood couldn't resist this opportunity.



Sure enough, Robin Hood decided to go to the competition. Little John said, ‘Be careful, Robin – you know you can’t trust those people.’ Because of this warning, Robin went in disguise so that nobody would recognize him (he hoped). He participated in the competition, and won the prize, of course, as he was the best archer in Nottinghamshire. Unfortunately for Robin, Prince John and his men knew that Robin Hood was an excellent archer, so they recognized him and arrested him. He didn’t get the money and the kiss, just a prison cell. The Sheriff and the Prince kept Robin in prison in the castle.

Maid Marian begged them to free Robin, but they wouldn’t listen. The Sheriff wanted to marry the beautiful Marian and said he would ask the Prince to release Robin if she said ‘yes’, but she refused.

She said, ‘I don’t trust you. You’re a liar and you won’t keep your promise and, anyway, the Prince won’t release him!’

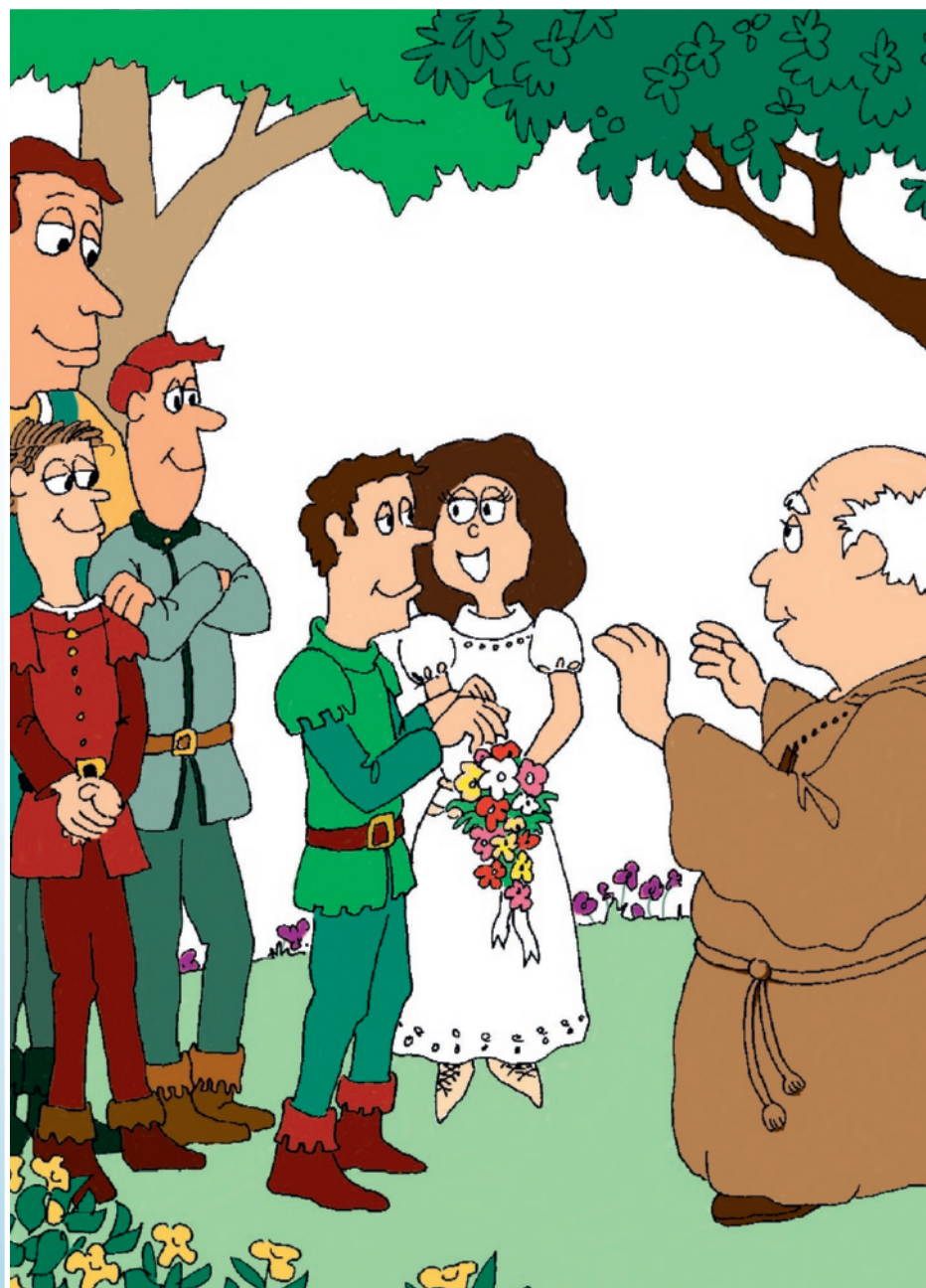
‘All right, then’, replied the Sheriff, ‘Robin stays here until you change your mind. But if Robin’s gang, his “Merry Men”, commit any more crimes, or if you try to leave this castle, we will torture him – and, possibly, you. That is a promise I will keep. Do you understand?’

Maid Marian understood perfectly.

She decided to free Robin from that horrible prison, though it was very dangerous for her. So she sent a servant, who hated the Sheriff, with a message to Friar Tuck. She explained how Robin’s friends could get into the castle and rescue him.

dangerous – risky

to rescue – to save somebody



Following her instructions, the men came from Sherwood Forest and went to the side of the castle an hour before dawn the next morning. It was very cold, but Marian was there. She opened a little door and the men entered silently. She took them to the dark, dirty dungeon where Robin was imprisoned. The chief guard was asleep on a chair, but when she tried to take his bunch of keys from his belt, he woke up and shouted loudly. Other guards came running. Little John and the strongest of the Merry Men fought with the guards and the others rushed with Maid Marian to find Robin. They quickly released him. Robin, Maid Marian, the Merry Men and most of the other prisoners escaped from the castle and ran away to Sherwood Forest.

Robin and Marian were married that same day in the forest by Friar Tuck. Luckily for them, the King, the honest King Richard, returned from the war and put his bad brother Prince John and the greedy Sheriff in prison in the Tower of London. King Richard pardoned Robin Hood and the Merry Men for robbing the Sheriff's rich friends and tax collectors, but told them they must not commit any more crimes. Most of the Merry Men went back to their families and from that day on, Robin and Maid Marian lived happily in Sherwood Forest without any fear and always with love for each other.

dawn – daybreak, sunrise

dungeon – a dark underground room used as a prison, usually in a castle

WHILE READING

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1 Answer the questions.

- When and where does the story take place?
- Was King Richard in England at that time? Quote from the text to justify your answer.
- What did his brother do during his absence?
- Why did people join Robin Hood in the forest?
- Take two adjectives from the text to describe Little John.
- Who was Friar Tuck?
- Tick the adjectives which describe the characters. The first one is done for you.



Robin Hood

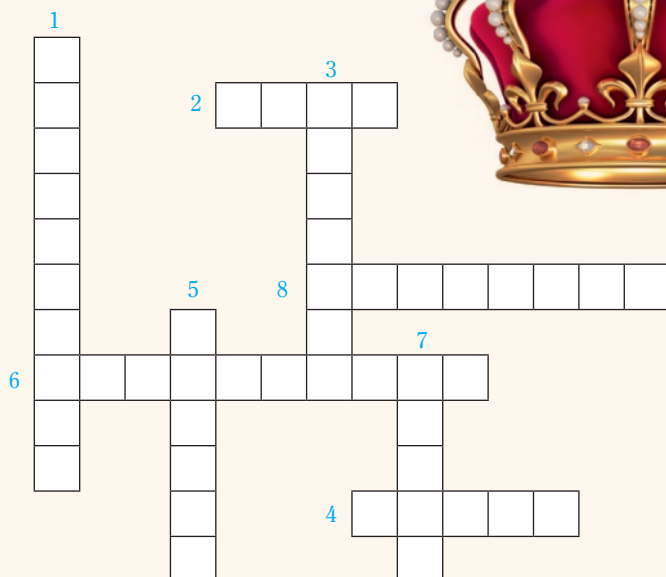


Prince John

courageous	✓	
greedy		
generous		
tyrannical		
popular		
arrogant		
rich		
powerful		
unselfish		
cruel		
kind		

VOCABULARY

2 Read the clues and complete the crossword.



Across

2. Having a lot of money or property.
4. Object usually made of gold and precious stones that a king wears on his head.
6. Brave.
8. Proud and overconfident.

Down

1. Using power or authority over people in an oppressive and cruel way like a tyrant
3. A religious war fought in Palestine by European countries against Muslims in the Middle Ages.
5. Wanting more food, money or power than you really need.
7. To take a King's position without having the right to do this.

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pp. 10-13

1 Answer the questions.

- Why did the Sheriff of Nottingham hate Robin Hood?
- Why was Prince John excited about visiting Nottingham?

2 Complete the sentences using the words in the boxes.

- Robin and his friends dressed up _____.
- They pretended to be _____.
- Robin told Prince John about _____.
- The other men stole _____.
- The Prince's men put up _____ all over Nottinghamshire.
- The reward for Robin's capture was _____.

• fortune-tellers

• as women

• 'WANTED' posters

• all the gold and treasure

• £100

• his future

3 Robin Hood is a wanted man!

Make a WANTED poster that the sheriff would hang all over Nottingham.

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1 Answer the questions.

- What was Prince John's plan to capture Robin Hood?
- Why did Robin go in disguise to the competition?
- If you were trying not to be identified, what kind of disguise would you wear?
- Did things go as planned? Justify your answer.

2 Match a word from A with a synonym/definition from B.

A	B
castle 1	A beautiful, attractive
trap 2	B to change your appearance so that people cannot recognize you
competition 3	C take to prison
lovely 4	D a person who tells lies
disguise 5	E a thing or a clever plan designed to catch an animal or person
arrest 6	F an event which people try to win
release 7	G a large strong building with thick walls and towers
liar 8	H to let somebody or something come out of a place

3 Match the two halves of the sentences.

Maid Marian sent 1	A released Robin Hood.
Little John and the Merry Men 2	B married Robin and Marian.
They escaped from the castle and 3	C lived happily ever after.
Friar Tuck 4	D returned from the war.
King Richard 5	E a message to Friar Tuck.
Prince John and the Sheriff 6	F went to Sherwood Forest.
Robin and Maid Marian 7	G were sent to the Tower of London.

GLOBAL COMPREHENSION EXERCISES

1 Who in the story...

- a) is on a Crusade? _____
- b) usurps the crown? _____
- c) is very tall and strong? _____
- d) is a very fat man of the Church? _____
- e) organizes the archery competition? _____
- f) takes money from the rich and gives it to the poor? _____
- g) organizes Robin's escape from the castle? _____

2 Circle the best answer to complete the sentences.

- a) King Richard is a **tyrannical/kind** king.
- b) Prince John is **honest/greedy**.
- c) The Sheriff is **truthful/dishonest**.
- d) Nottingham is a **poor/rich** city.
- e) Robin Hood is a **good thief/tax collector**.
- f) An outlaw breaks the law and **hides/accepts** punishment.
- g) Marian is a **lovely/an ugly** lady.
- h) A friar is a sort of poor **monk/cook**.



3 Choose the correct answer.

1. Prince John is King Richard's _____.
☐ a) friend ☐ b) son ☐ c) brother
2. _____ wanted to marry Maid Marian.
☐ a) Prince John
☐ b) Little John
☐ c) The Sheriff of Nottingham
3. _____ makes plans to catch Robin Hood.
☐ a) Little John
☐ b) Prince John
☐ c) The King

4. Maid Marian is afraid for _____.
☐ a) Prince John ☐ b) Robin ☐ c) Friar Tuck
5. She thinks _____ is a terrible man.
☐ a) Robin Hood
☐ b) Friar Tuck
☐ c) The Sheriff of Nottingham

4 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false ones.

- ☐ a) King Richard wants people to pay more taxes.
☐ b) Robin Hood lives in Nottingham castle.
☐ c) Maid Marian loves Robin.
☐ d) The winner of the archery competition will win a gold cup.
☐ e) Friar Tuck is slim.
☐ f) He marries Robin and Marian.

5 Put the following events in the story in the right order. Number them 1-10.

- ☐ a) Prince John decides to visit Nottingham.
☐ b) Many people join Robin in the forest to help the poor people.
☐ c) The Prince offers to pay £ 100 reward for the capture of Robin Hood.
☐ d) He is recognized and arrested.
☐ e) Robin and 'The Merry Men' pretend to be fortune-tellers and rob the Prince.
☐ f) Robin goes to the competition in disguise and wins it.
☐ g) The Sheriff organizes an archery competition to capture Robin.
☐ h) Robin and Marian get married.
☐ i) King Richard returns from the war and puts Prince John and the Sheriff in prison.
☐ j) Later, Robin, Maid Marian and the Merry Men escape from the castle.

AFTER READING

1 Help Robin unscramble each of the clue words.

FROSET

13

NELNGAD

21 5 15 18

MOENY

8 2 24 22

WONCR

1

LYDA

16 12 7

LOGD

11

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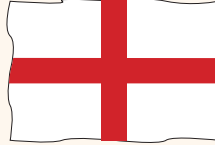


Have fun!

2 Use the words in 1 and label the pictures.



a) _____



b) _____



c) _____



d) _____



e) _____



f) _____



g) _____



h) _____



i) _____



j) _____



k) _____

3 Copy the numbered letters into the corresponding box and find out the secret message.

1 2 3 4

B

5 6 7

8 9 10 11

8 12 13 14 5 15

16 14 17 18

19 5 20 20 10 21 22

23 24 25

12 26 27 28 29

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THINGS TO DO AND THINK ABOUT...

1 Complete the text with the words in the boxes.

Robin Hood: the legend

The story of Robin Hood is a (1) _____ that has fascinated readers for centuries.

A legend is a story that is thought to hold some historical truth, and has been preserved by popular tradition.

There are numerous versions of the Robin Hood (2) _____.

Some of the people in the story are (3) _____ – King Richard I

(Richard the Lionheart), who ruled England from 1189 to 1199, and his

(4) _____, John, who became King when his brother died.

Many of the places are also real, for example, Sherwood Forest and the city of Nottingham, with its famous (5) _____.

In the Middle Ages people who lived in the forests often killed and ate the king's (6) _____, which was against the

(7) _____. It is uncertain, however, if there really was an

(8) _____ named Robin Hood.

Robin became a popular (9) _____ because of his hatred for the corrupt, cruel Sheriff who imposed excessive (10) _____

and unfair laws. He was a highly skilled (11) _____ and

swordsman, known for 'robbing the (12) _____ and giving to the (13) _____', assisted by a group of fellow outlaws known as his 'Merry Men'.



deer

brother

castle

real

hero

legend

archer

story

law

poor

outlaw

taxes

rich

- 2** Use an encyclopaedia or the Internet and complete King Richard's fact file.



Name: _____

Cognomen: _____

Born: _____

Parents: _____

Coronation: _____

Died: _____

Successor: _____

- 3** Imagine that when King Richard returned, he changed lots of things. Write down 2 laws he passed to solve some of the problems in Nottingham.

- _____
- _____

- 4** Pretend you are one of the characters from the story. Write a diary for one day.

I am... _____

Writing tip

- Put the date at the top of the page.
- Things you may include: a record of events, drawings, ideas, plans, feelings, disappointments, dreams,...
- Write truthfully. Your diary will not reveal your secrets!

- 5** Write a book review for this story.

Book Review

Title: _____

Favourite character: _____

Retold by: _____

because: _____

Publisher: _____

Illustrator: _____

I liked/disliked the story because: _____

Summary of the main events:

Language difficulty:

☐ Too easy

☐ Just right

☐ Too hard

Recommendation:

☐ Good

☐ OK

☐ Not recommended

- 6** Design a new cover for the book.
- 7** Make a puppet play based on the book.
- 8** Role-play the story.

FOCUS ON DEBATE

Discuss the following:

- If you don't have money, is it all right to steal money or food from rich people? Is it tolerable to steal when the only option is hunger for your family?
- Robin Hood's intentions were good. Does the end justify the means?
- What do you think of Robin Hood? Was he a hero or a criminal?



ARTWORK

- 1 Organize a contest with pictures of the most important parts of the story. You can use different materials. Exercise your creativity. Make a sketch here.

Robin Hood through pictures

The Sheriff of Nottingham collects taxes from the poor people.

Robin Hood takes money from the rich and gives it to the poor.

Many people, like Little John and Friar Tuck, join Robin Hood in the forest.

Robin Hood and Maid Marian are in love.

The Sheriff organizes an archery competition to capture Robin Hood, but he escapes.

Robin and Maid Marian get married and live happily ever after.

- 2 Display your posters on the classroom walls.

Wonders Down Under



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BEFORE READING

1 Answer these questions in class.

- Have you ever been to Australia?
- Can you name Australia's major cities?
- Can you remember any famous places there?

2 How much do you know about Australia? Take this quiz and find out.

1. What is another name for Australia?

- ☐ a) Up High ☐ b) Down Under ☐ c) Faraway Land

2. What is the capital city of Australia?

- ☐ a) Canberra ☐ b) Melbourne ☐ c) Sydney

3. Where can you see the famous Opera House?

- ☐ a) In Sydney ☐ b) In Adelaide ☐ c) In Canberra

4. Which Australian animal has a long tail, a pouch and hops to get around?

- ☐ a) Kangaroo ☐ b) Koala ☐ c) Tasmanian Devil

5. What do koalas like to eat?

- ☐ a) Insects ☐ b) Eucalyptus leaves ☐ c) Meat

6. What kind of animals live in the Great Barrier Reef?

- ☐ a) Crocodiles ☐ b) Platypuses ☐ c) Fish

7. Australia's national sports are...

- ☐ a) football and croquet ☐ b) baseball and American football ☐ c) cricket and rugby

GETTING TO KNOW AUSTRALIA

- 1** Read the information in the boxes and match it with the corresponding pictures.

1.

Ayers Rock is the largest monolith (a large block of stone standing by itself) on Earth. It's 318 metres high (that's three times taller than Big Ben)! Aborigines call it "Uluru" and for them the rock is sacred.

2.

Australia is famous for the boomerang. The aborigines used the boomerang as a weapon. Today, children use it as a toy. If you throw it, it comes back to you.

3.

The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef. It can be seen from outer space. It has over 900 islands stretching for over 2,000 kilometres. More than 1,500 fish species live there.

4.

This is an Aborigine. Aborigines were the first inhabitants of Australia.

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- 2** Look at the title of the story and the front cover. What do you think it will be about?

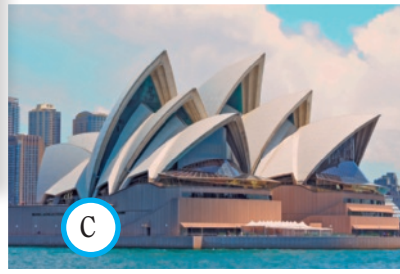
5.

This is Nicole Kidman and Russel Crowe. They are famous Australian actors.



6.

Sydney is Australia's biggest city. The Sydney Opera House was made to look like the white sails of a ship.



7.

Did you know that Australia has about 7,000 beaches? Bondi Beach, from the Aboriginal word meaning "place where the water breaks over the rocks", is known around the world for its beautiful sand, sun and surf.



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8.

The Kangaroo, or "roo", is a national symbol of Australia.

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9.

This is a "barbie"... that's what Australians call a barbecue!



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Wonders Down Under

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Bill and Becky Hawkins looked through the jumbo jet's window. They saw Sydney Harbour, the famous Opera House and the enormous Harbour Bridge.

"This is so awesome," exclaimed Becky!

"I can't wait to go surfing," said Bill.

Sandra, their mum, yawned and stretched her arms and said, "I can't believe we have finally arrived."

Tom Hawkins laughed and closed the book he was reading. His family were going to enjoy the next two weeks in Australia. They would stay with his brother Charles, Charles's wife Emily, and their children Amanda and Nicholas.

Soon, the plane landed at Kingsford Smith Airport. The Hawkins family collected their luggage and presented their passports to the Customs official.

Charles Hawkins and his family waited outside the Arrivals gate to greet them. They stood near a large poster showing Santa Claus riding a surf board. They were still not accustomed to celebrating Christmas during the Australian summer.

Charles's family had moved to Australia five years earlier. He travelled to England on business twice each year. His wife and children did not go with him on those trips, so they were excited about having family from home visit them.

harbour – a protected area of water near land where ships and boats can stay safely

awesome – impressive, great, fantastic [usually AmE]

to yawn – to open your mouth wide and breathe in deeply through it when you are sleepy

to stretch – to extend your muscles (especially arms and back)



“G’day, Mate,” shouted Charles. He spoke like an Australian to entertain his guests. “Nice to see you again. It’s been five years since we last met, hasn’t it?”

The men and boys shook hands. The women and girls hugged and kissed. Everyone was excited.

Emily said, “We’ll give you a little tour on the way to our home. How does that sound?”

They got into a minivan and drove toward the city centre. Emily and Charles pointed out landmarks to Tom and Sandra along the way. Bill, Becky, Amanda, and Nicholas were all asking questions, laughing, and chatting at the same time.

Everyone stopped talking as they drove out onto the Harbour Bridge. Suddenly, they could see the brilliant white Sydney Opera House, the green Royal Botanic Gardens and ferry boats near Circular Quay*.

Bill and Becky said, “Wow!” The view was spectacular. This bright summer day in Sydney was so different from the grey winter weather they had left behind in England.

Culture Spot
*Circular Quay is
the heart of Sydney
Harbour.



Circular Quay

landmark – a building or place of great importance

quay – a place in a harbour where boats can load and unload, etc.



When they arrived at the Hawkins' home in Mosman, Charles and Emily prepared lunch for their guests. The children left their backpacks in a corner and joined Amanda and Nicholas behind the house under a jacaranda tree.

"That's Molly," said Amanda, pointing at a bird with a very large beak perched on a tree. "She's a kookaburra and she likes people. You can give her food."

Amanda went to the kitchen and brought her a few bits of chicken. "Watch," she said. "Then you can give her some."

The kookaburra moved down to the lowest branch, looked at Amanda, and took the piece of chicken from her fingers.

Molly slapped the chicken against the branch twice and then swallowed it.

"She is making sure the chicken is dead," said Nicholas.

"Very cool," said Bill. He and Becky took turns feeding the bird. They were fascinated by its tameness.

to perch on something – to land and stay on a branch
kookaburra – an Australian bird – also called 'laughing jackass' – that makes a sound like a person laughing loudly

to slap – to hit with something flat, e.g. an open hand

to swallow – to make food go down into your stomach

to feed – to give food to a person or animal

tameness – not wildness, domesticated behaviour



jacaranda tree



Later in the afternoon, the two families walked down to the harbour to catch a small ferry to take them to the Circular Quay. From there, they walked around the Opera House and through the Royal Botanic Gardens. A tour of the Opera House was planned for later in the week.

The walk was good exercise after the long flight from England. They saw many interesting trees and plants. Some trees were gigantic.

In one area, black and brown shapes hung from branches of the trees. Bill thought this was odd. He was about to ask what they were when one began to fly.

“Bats?” he asked.

“Fruit bats,” answered Nicholas. “Flying foxes. They live in this part of the park. Amazing, aren’t they?”

“A little too scary for me,” said Becky.

On the ferry back to Mosman, they watched the sun set beyond the Harbour Bridge.

Bill saw little shapes moving on top of the bridge and said “Are those people on top of the bridge?”

“Yeah,” replied Amanda. “You can walk to the top and look down on the harbour.”

“That sounds like fun.” said Bill.

ferry – a boat that carries people, vehicles and goods across a river or the sea

shapes – forms

to hang – (hung, past tense) to be suspended

odd – strange

scary – frightening



One morning, the two families loaded the minivan with surfboards, beach chairs, swimming equipment, and a picnic basket for a day at Bondi Beach. They arrived at the popular surfing spot after a short drive through Sydney and selected a spot on the warm sands.

Charles and Tom opened two large beach umbrellas. Sandra and Emily spread towels on the sand. Everyone applied sunscreen and put on hats to protect their skin from the bright sun. Then Nicholas and Amanda picked up their boards and went to the sea. They wanted to teach Bill and Becky how to ride the waves.

While the children were laughing and playing in the ocean, the adults were talking about work and families, books and movies. They had a very pleasant day.

spot – place

to spread – to open and lay out something that was folded

pleasant – enjoyable, nice



Bill was surprised by a buzzing alarm clock the next morning. They were on holiday. Why had someone set an alarm?

Then he remembered that they were going to spend a day in the Blue Mountains, west of Sydney. He dressed quickly and hurried to join the others for a quick breakfast, or “Breckies”, as they called it.

After a two-hour drive, they got to some of the most popular attractions. They were impressed by the rock formation called the Three Sisters. They rode a suspended cable car across the front of Wentworth Falls and then walked down to see the view from below.

After a pleasant outdoor lunch, they rode in an old coach behind a steam locomotive on the famous Zig-Zag Railway. Tom Hawkins took lots of photographs.



The Three Sisters



Wentworth Falls

buzzing – vibrant, a continuous noise like a bee flying

steam – hot water vapour



The two families made many excursions using ferries rather than the minivan. One afternoon they went on a small ferry from Mosman to the Circular Quay and then walked to a part of Sydney called “The Rocks”.

The Rocks includes a collection of very old buildings that are now shops and restaurants. At the weekends, dozens of market stalls are set up for shoppers. Here, the Hawkins families looked for souvenirs and last-minute Christmas presents for each other.

For dinner, they found a popular seafood restaurant with enormous windows facing the harbour. While they were having dinner, Sandra said, “You know, I haven’t seen one kangaroo yet. I thought they were everywhere in Australia.”

“Ah, yes,” replied Emily. “We know just the place to go for kangaroos. I promise you will see lots of kangaroos tomorrow.”



The Rocks Market, Sydney

rather than – in preference to; instead of

stall – small shop with an open front, especially outdoors

souvenir – a thing that you buy to remind yourself of a place or a holiday



The next morning, everyone climbed into the minivan and drove south to Pebbly Beach, about four hours' drive from Sydney.

Here they found Eastern Grey Kangaroos eating the grass near the beach. The roos did not seem to mind if people approached them slowly.

Becky petted one gently. Amanda pointed out one with a “joey” in her pouch. Tom and Sandra were amazed by the gentle creatures and they smiled when a pair of kangaroos jumped over a small sand dune.

Lots of colourful birds flew about, such as Lorikeets, Rosellas, Cockatoos and Parrots. The Lorikeets appeared to be looking for food.

Bill and Nicholas snorkelled briefly in the bay, but decided the Tasman Sea was too cold for them.

The next day was Christmas. After a lovely breakfast, they attended a Christmas church service and then returned home to exchange “presies” (presents). The rest of the day was spent relaxing.



to approach – to come near to somebody or something

to pet – to move your hand gently over an animal in a kind way

flew – past tense of the verb 'fly'

to snorkel – to swim underwater with a tube to breathe



On the morning after Christmas, Bill walked into the kitchen and found his aunt and uncle packing picnic baskets again.

“What, another picnic?” he asked.

“We have to go early to get a good place for the race,” explained Charles.

“A race?” said Bill.

“Actually,” said Nicholas, “you will see one of Sydney’s most spectacular events. Around 100 super racing yachts will begin a two-to three-day race from here to Hobart, Tasmania. That’s 630 miles over open ocean.”

“It seems like almost everyone who has any kind of boat will be in the Harbour to watch them depart,” added Aunt Emily. “It’s amazing.”

Finally, the great racing yachts approached. Hundreds of boats ran along with them. There were ferries and old sailing ships full of tourists, motorboats with fans, people in kayaks and canoes, and small sailboats.

Soon the big yachts sailed out of the mouth of the Harbour and into the Tasman Sea for the run to Hobart.

Bill smiled broadly and exclaimed, “That was awesome. Thank you!”

fan – enthusiastic supporter of a sports team (or a pop group, etc.)

to smile broadly – to have a big smile on your face because you are very happy or amused



“We thought you might like to see a few more Aussie animals,” said Charles, the next day. “Since we can’t walk all over the country to find them, we recommend a trip to Taronga Zoo. It’s a pleasant walk from here or only a few minutes away by car.”

“There is a ferry to the zoo from the Circular Quay,” said Nicholas, “but we don’t need to use it.”

“Do they have a Tasmanian devil?” inquired Bill, “and a platypus, and a dingo?”

“What about koalas?” asked Becky.

“Any penguins?” added Tom.

Bill, Becky and Sandra looked at him with surprised expressions.

“Penguins?” asked Sandra. “Will we see an echidna?” she added.

“Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, and yes,” laughed Charles. “You will see all those interesting animals and more. It is a wonderful zoo.”

“They take such good care of the animals,” said Emily. “The giraffes have a perfect view of the Harbour and the city skyline.”

The two Hawkins families walked to the Taronga Zoo and found the Aussie animals as well as a fascinating variety of creatures from around the world.



Early in the morning of New Year's Eve, people begin to look for places along the Harbour with good views of the Opera House and Bridge. The Hawkins families found a grassy area at Cremorne and sat on their folding chairs. Hundreds of people around them did the same.

"We've seen the Sydney fireworks on the telly," said Sandra, "but I never expected to see them in person."

"We try to see them every year, Aunt Sandra," said Amanda. "They are, quite literally, brilliant."

As the day progressed, they discussed the adventures they had shared over the past few days and wondered about meeting somewhere else some time for a holiday.

Soon the sun dropped below the city skyline. They ate a tasty picnic dinner and watched lights turn on around the city and on all the boats.

When it was finally dark, the fireworks show began with huge explosions and gigantic balls of shining light. After thirty minutes, the show concluded with a thundering illumination.

Becky spoke for everyone when she simply said, "Wow!"

to share – to participate in something together / to have the same experiences as somebody else

to wonder – to think about something

tasty – delicious

thundering – very loud deep noise like thunder



Early in the morning, Becky sighed, “I can’t close my bags.”

“Too many souvenirs?” asked Amanda. “I can bring some when we come to visit you in England next July.”

A big smile appeared on Becky’s face. “You’re coming to England?”

“Yes. Your visit was so much fun, Mum talked Dad into taking us with him on one of his business trips. We’ll spend a few days at your house. I’m really excited.”

In Nick’s room, Bill was studying a map of the Great Barrier Reef. “I want to go there the next time I come to Australia. The diving must be fantastic!”

“I haven’t been yet,” said Nicholas.

Outside, the parents ate breakfast and watched a pair of Lorikeets who were determined to steal some food. Tom took a few pictures of the colourful and amusing birds.

“We’ve had such a lovely time,” said Sandra.

“We’re looking forward to our visit to England,” said Charles, cheerfully. “Amanda and Nicholas haven’t been there in five years. They will love it.”

An hour later, they filled the minivan with luggage and souvenirs and drove to the airport.

Soon, the jumbo jet took off and began the long journey home. Tom, Sandra, Bill and Becky adjusted their seats, relaxed, and thought about all they had seen and done during their Aussie Adventure.

to sigh – to breathe in and out making a long sound because you are sad, tired or disappointed

to talk someone into – to persuade/convince somebody to do something

to look forward to doing something – to be excited and pleased about something that is going to happen

WHILE READING

SEE
pp. 40-41

1 Answer the questions.

- Where are the Hawkins spending their holidays?
- What did they see through the jumbo jet's window?
- What was Tom Hawkins doing when they arrived at Sydney?
- How long are they going to stay there?
- Where are they staying?
- If it's Christmas in Australia, what season is it there?

2 Complete the sentences with the family members.

- Sandra Hawkins is Bill and Becky's _____.
- Tom Hawkins is Sandra's _____.
- Becky is Bill's _____.
- Charles is Tom's _____.
- Bill is Charles's _____ and Becky is his _____.
- Charles is Bill and Becky's _____.
- Tom and Sandra Hawkins are Bill and Becky's _____.
- Sandra Hawkins is Charles's _____.

SEE
pp. 42-43

1 Identify the landmarks mentioned in the text.



a)



b)



c)

- 2 Match the expressions in bold (AustralE, informal) with their meanings on the right.



G'day!

There are some **bonzer** waves today!

Hoo-roo!

- a) Hello!
- b) Goodbye!
- c) Great, excellent!

- 3 Do people in the place where you live speak differently from people who live in other areas of your country? If your answer was yes, give some examples.

SEE
pp. 44-45

- 1 Answer the questions.

- a) Where is the Hawkins' house?
- b) Who is Molly? Describe her.

SEE
pp. 46-49

- 1 Complete the sentences.

- a) The two families caught a ferry to _____.
- b) They saw interesting _____ and _____ at the Royal Botanic Gardens.
- c) There were some _____ hanging from branches of the trees.
- d) People can walk to the top of _____.
- e) Bondi Beach is a popular _____.

SEE
pp. 50-53

1 Match the two halves of the sentences.

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| They were going to
spend a day in | 1 ☐ | A is a rock formation. |
| The Three Sisters | 2 ☐ | B the Blue Mountains. |
| They rode in a | 3 ☐ | C agreeable outdoor
lunch. |
| Afterwards they had an | 4 ☐ | D many photos. |
| Tom took | 5 ☐ | E The Rocks. |
| You can buy souvenirs at | 6 ☐ | F suspended cable car. |

SEE
pp. 54-57

1 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false ones.

- a) The two families found Eastern Grey Kangaroos near Pebbly Beach. ☐

- b) The roos were upset by their presence. ☐

- c) Amanda saw a young kangaroo in his mother's pouch. ☐

- d) The Tasman Sea was warm. ☐

- e) There weren't many people watching the yacht race. ☐

- f) It was boring. ☐

SEE

pp. 58-59

- You can see many Aussie animals at Taronga Zoo. Look at the pictures and find them in the grid.



O	F	U	B	W	P	Q	Y	R	E	L	N	V	X
T	R	Q	I	I	Y	L	M	E	Y	B	R	J	E
T	A	S	M	A	N	I	A	N	D	E	V	I	L
X	L	B	A	L	T	I	M	T	F	K	V	X	E
K	A	N	G	A	R	O	O	N	Y	A	Q	A	C
O	G	N	I	D	T	V	X	K	E	P	L	M	H
A	R	R	U	B	A	K	O	O	K	X	U	O	I
P	I	Q	S	C	A	A	F	U	J	L	M	S	D
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X	A	O	Z	A	N	O	B	E	P	T	A	M	A

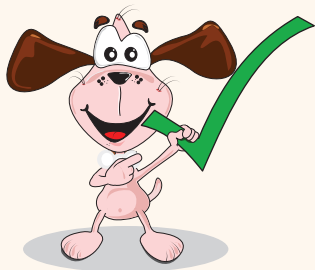


- Which animal appears in the zoo sign and is not mentioned in the text?

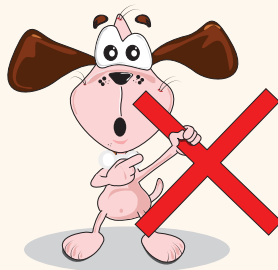
FOCUS ON DEBATE

Do you think animals should be kept in zoos?

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- ✓ Zoos have improved significantly in recent years. Nowadays most animals are provided with proper diet and enough space to get exercise and live healthy lives.
- ✓ Zoos present an opportunity for scientists to conduct research. The information they gather helps them to develop new medicines and techniques to improve animal health.
- ✓ Zoos provide shelter and breeding opportunities for animals that are endangered.
- ✓ Zoos don't just entertain, they also aim to educate. They teach people about the needs of animals and the importance of conservation.



- ✗ Zoos give a totally artificial and misleading view of the animal by isolating it from its ecosystem.
- ✗ Many animals are kept in small cages or enclosures to ensure that they are close enough to the visitors. They don't hunt for their food and may have to live in a different, unsuitable climate.
- ✗ After living in captivity for a long time, they lose their survival instinct.
- ✗ Making animals suffer for our enjoyment and entertainment is unethical. In this respect, some zoos are almost as bad as circuses.

...

...

SEE
pp. 60-63

1 Find evidence in the text for the following.

- a) On New York's Eve many people tried to find good places to see the fireworks.
- b) Sandra had only seen them on television.
- c) The firework show lasted for half an hour.
- d) Becky loved it.
- e) Amanda told Becky they would go to England the following summer.
- f) Sandra and her family enjoyed their Aussie Adventure.

GLOBAL COMPREHENSION EXERCISE

1 Put the following events in the story in the right order. Number them 1-12.

- a) ☐ Bill and Becky feed a kookaburra.
- b) ☐ One morning they go to Bondi Beach.
- c) ☐ The two families catch a ferry to the Circular Quay.
- d) ☐ Their Aussie adventure comes to the end.
- e) ☐ Finally, they are able to see kangaroos.
- f) ☐ The Hawkins arrive at Kingsford Smith Airport.
- g) ☐ The families buy souvenirs and presents at The Rocks Market.
- h) ☐ On New Year's Eve they watch fireworks over the Harbour.
- i) ☐ They walk through the Royal Botanic Gardens and see fruit bats.
- j) ☐ They see one of Sydney's most spectacular events: a yacht race.
- k) ☐ At Toronga Zoo, they see fascinating Aussie animals.
- l) ☐ Charles and his family take them on a little tour on the way to their home in Mosman.

AFTER READING

1 Complete the text with the words in the box.

(1) _____, officially the Commonwealth of Australia, is a country in the Southern Hemisphere comprising the mainland of the Australian (2) _____, the island of Tasmania, and numerous (3) _____ in the Indian and (4) _____ Oceans. It is the world's sixth-largest (5) _____ by total area. Neighbouring countries include Indonesia, East Timor, and Papua New Guinea to the north; the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, and New Caledonia to the north-east; and New Zealand to the south-east.

The name Australia is derived from the (6) _____ 'terra australis', meaning 'southern land'.

The country has been referred to colloquially as Oz since the early 20th century. (7) _____ is a common colloquial term for 'Australian'. In Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Canada and Ireland, the word is (8) _____ OZ-ee, with a /z/ sound; however, in the United States, it is most often pronounced AW-see with an /s/ sound.

Wikipedia, adapted and abridged

continent

islands

Australia

Pacific

country

Latin

Aussie

pronounced



2 Imagine you are one of the characters from the story. Write a diary page describing your favourite day in Australia.

Writing tip

- Put the date at the top of the page.
- Things you may include: a record of events, drawings, ideas, plans, feelings, disappointments, dreams,...
- Write truthfully. Your diary will not reveal your secrets!

- [illegible]

Book Review

Favourite character:

because: _____

I liked/disliked the story because:

☐ Too easy☐ Just right☐ Too hard☐ **Good**☐ Not recommended

3 Use the words in 1 and label the pictures.



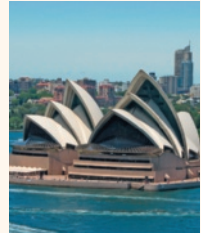
a) _____



b) _____



c) _____



d) _____



e) _____

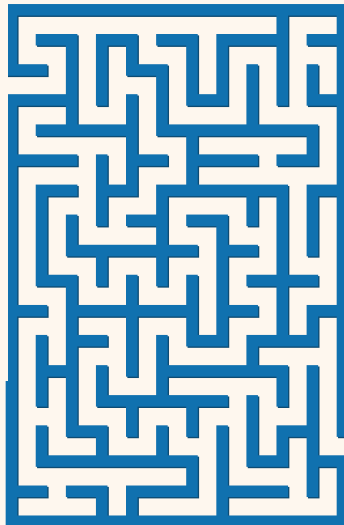


f) _____



g) _____

4 The kangaroos are hungry. Help them to find the grass!



FUN FACTS

Did you know?

- Kangaroos are marsupial animals* that are found in Australia and New Guinea.
- Kangaroos can hop around quickly on two legs or walk around slowly on all four.



- Kangaroos can't walk backwards.
- Kangaroos can jump very high, sometimes three times their own height.
- Kangaroos can swim.
- All kangaroos are herbivores. Most kangaroos eat grass.
- Baby kangaroos are known as 'joeys'.
- A group of kangaroos is called a 'mob'.
- Kangaroos usually live to around six years old in the wild.
- Kangaroos have been featured on coins and used as emblems, logos and mascots.



*A marsupial is a mammal that has a pocket of skin called a pouch. Kangaroos and koalas are marsupials.

<http://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/player/kids/animals-pets-kids/mammals-kids/koala-kids.html>

Answer Key

Robin Hood

pp. 6-7 Before Reading

2. 1A; 2C; 3D; 4B; 5B
3. 1D; 2B; 3A; 4G; 5E; 6C; 7F
- 4.
- a) Robin Hood
 - b) Little John
 - c) Friar Tuck
 - d) Prince John
 - e) King Richard
 - f) The Sheriff of Nottingham
 - g) Maid Marian

p. 20 While Reading

- 1.
- a) The story takes place about eight hundred years ago in Sherwood Forest in Nottinghamshire, England.
 - b) No, he wasn't. "Good King Richard of England departed for the Middle East on a Crusade."
 - c) He usurped the crown.
 - d) Many people joined Robin Hood in the forest because they wanted to be free, to fight against the cruel sheriff and to help the poor people.
 - e) Little John was big and strong.
 - f) Friar Tuck was a religious man.
 - g) **Robin Hood** – courageous, generous, popular, unselfish and kind.
Prince John – greedy, tyrannical, arrogant, rich, powerful and cruel.

2.

Across

2. rich; 4. crown; 6. courageous;
8. arrogant

Down

1. tyrannical; 3. Crusade;
5. greedy; 7. usurp

p. 22

1.

- a) The Sheriff hated Robin Hood because Robin took money from the rich, including the Sheriff's tax collectors.
- b) He was particularly excited about visiting Nottingham because apart from London, Nottingham was perhaps the richest place in England.

2.

- a) as women
- b) fortune-tellers
- c) his future
- d) all the gold and treasure
- e) 'WANTED' posters
- f) £100

p. 22

1.

- a) He asked the Sheriff to organize an archery competition. He said he would give the winner 100 gold coins and a kiss from Maid Marian. He knew it would be a great opportunity to capture Robin Hood.
- b) Robin went in disguise so that nobody would recognize him.

- c) Personal answer.
- d) No, they didn't. Prince John and his men recognized Robin Hood and arrested him.

2. 1G; 2E; 3F; 4A; 5B; 6C; 7H; 8D

3. 1E; 2A; 3F; 4B; 5D; 6G; 7C

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Global comprehension exercises

1.

- a) King Richard
- b) Prince John
- c) Little John
- d) Friar Tuck
- e) The Sheriff of Nottingham
- f) Robin Hood
- g) Maid Marian

2. a) kind b) greedy c) dishonest
d) rich e) good thief f) hides
g) a lovely h) monk

3. 1C; 2C; 3B; 4B; 5C

4.

- a) F. Prince John wants people to pay more taxes.
- b) F. He lives in Sherwood Forest.
- c) T
- d) F. The winner will win 100 gold coins and a kiss from the lovely Maid Marian.
- e) F. Friar Tuck is very fat.
- f) T

5.

- a) 2
- b) 1
- c) 4
- d) 7
- e) 3
- f) 6
- g) 5
- h) 9
- i) 10
- j) 8

pp. 26-27 After Reading

Have fun

1.

- a) forest
- b) England
- c) money
- d) crown
- e) lady
- f) gold
- g) prison
- h) king
- i) castle
- j) fortune-teller
- k) sheriff

2.

- a) castle
- b) England
- c) prison
- d) forest
- e) money
- f) fortune-teller
- g) sheriff
- h) crown

- i) gold
- j) lady
- k) king

3.

Robin and Maid Marian lived happily ever after.

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Things to do and think about

1.

- 1) legend
- 2) story
- 3) real
- 4) brother
- 5) castle
- 6) deer
- 7) law
- 8) outlaw
- 9) hero
- 10) taxes
- 11) archer
- 12) rich
- 13) poor

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1.

Name: King Richard I

Cognomen: The Lionheart

Born: 6th September 1157 in Oxford

Parents: Henry II and Eleanor of Aquitaine

Coronation: 3rd September 1189 at Westminster Abbey

Died: 6th April 1199 in France (41 years)

Successor: His brother John

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Summary: (suggestion)

Robin Hood and his gang of outlaws trick Prince John and steal his treasure. Robin wins an archery contest at Nottingham Castle, but is arrested. Maid Marian refuses to marry the Sheriff of Nottingham and he threatens to torture Robin. Marian helps the Merry Men to rescue Robin. Marian and Robin get married and live happily ever after.

Wonders Down Under

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2. 1b; 2a; 3a; 4a; 5b; 6c; 7c

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3.

Fact File

Official Name: Commonwealth of Australia

Form of Government: Federal parliamentary democracy

Capital: Canberra

Largest city: Sydney

Population: 22,814,369

Official Language: English

Currency: Australian Dollar

Area: 7,617,930 km²

Major Mountain Ranges: Great Dividing Range, Macdonnell Ranges

Major Rivers: Murray-Darling, Murrumbidgee, Lachlan

Main attractions: Sydney Opera House, Sydney Harbour Bridge, The Great Barrier Reef, Uluru...

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1E; 2F; 3I; 4D; 5B; 6C; 7H; 8A; 9G

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1.

- The Hawkins are spending their holidays in Australia.
- They saw Sydney Harbour, the famous Opera House and the Harbour Bridge.
- Tom was reading a book.
- They are going to stay there for 2 weeks.
- They are staying with Tom's brother, Charles.
- It's summer.

2.

- mother
- husband
- sister
- brother
- nephew... niece
- uncle
- parents
- sister-in-law

1.

- The Harbour Bridge
- Sydney Opera House
- The Royal Botanic Gardens

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2.

1a; 2c; 3b

1.

- It's in Mosman.

- Molly is a kookaburra. She has a large beak, and she's quite tame and confident.

1.

- take them to the Circular Quay
- trees... plants
- fruit bats
- the Harbour Bridge
- surfing spot

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1. 1b; 2a; 3f; 4c; 5d; 6e

1.

- T
- F. The roos did not seem to mind if people approached them.
- T
- F. It was cold.
- F. There were lots of people watching the yacht race.
- F. It was awesome, fantastic, very interesting.

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1.

O	F	U	B	W	P	Q	Y	R	E	L	N	V	X
T	R	Q	I	I	Y	L	M	E	Y	B	R	J	E
T	A	S	M	A	N	I	A	N	D	E	V	I	L
X	L	B	A	L	T	I	M	T	F	K	V	X	E
K	A	N	G	A	R	O	O	N	Y	A	Q	A	C
O	G	N	I	D	T	V	X	K	E	P	L	M	H
A	R	R	U	B	A	K	O	O	K	X	U	O	I
P	I	Q	S	C	A	A	F	U	J	L	M	S	D
W	J	O	A	W	L	Z	G	M	R	B	K	L	N
X	A	O	Z	A	N	O	B	E	P	T	A	M	A

2. Wombat

