

# IT'S A FANTASTIC PLACE

## A. FACTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT AUSTRALIA

Most of the population of Australia is concentrated around the coast, especially the east coast. **The outback** refers to the enormous inland area, far from the sea, where not many people live.

**Lightning Ridge** is in the north of the state of New South Wales. It is an opal mining town, the source of the world's finest "black" opals, which are the darkest and most valuable form of the stone.

It has the population of about 1,800, but an estimated 1,000 tourists come every year for the Easter goat races. Goats pull small carts and race from one end of the main street to the other.

### General information:

- Population: about 20 million
- Original inhabitants: Australian Aborigines, now about 1.5% of the population
- Capital: Canberra
- Biggest city: Sydney
- Climate: tropical in the north, very dry and hot inland
- Beautiful beaches
- Large areas of desert in the centre
- Animals: kangaroos, wallabies, koalas, wombats (neka vrsta vrečarjev), emus, many types of parrots, snakes and lizards, platypus
- Some well-known Australians: Kylie Minogue (singer), Mel Gibson (actor), Ian Thorpe (swimmer), Lleyton Hewitt (tennis player)...



## B. FILL IN THE GAPS

ARTISTS, BARBECUE, COURSE, CROCODILE, DRY, FANTASTIC, FIVE-STAR, FRIENDLY, GALLERIES, MIXTURE, NATIONALITIES, NEIGHBOURS, OUTSIDE, RARE, SCHOOL, SUITABLE, THEME, VISITORS, WILDLIFE

Brett Scoble is talking about his home town. He thinks it's a \_\_\_\_\_ place. It's only a small town, but they've got a \_\_\_\_\_ Olympic-size swimming pool. He swims there two or three times a week. There's a golf \_\_\_\_\_ too, and he plays a lot of golf. In summer the Water \_\_\_\_\_ Park is open, so he often goes there after \_\_\_\_\_ with his friends. There are also a lot of art \_\_\_\_\_ and he likes all of them. They've got some really brilliant \_\_\_\_\_. They get quite a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ in his town. In summer, when he is free, he works at the \_\_\_\_\_ Caravan Park.

They don't get much rain, so the area is quite \_\_\_\_\_ with not many plants, so the place is not \_\_\_\_\_ for people who like trees and flowers. But the \_\_\_\_\_ is incredible, and you can see a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ birds. They spend a lot of time \_\_\_\_\_ and in the evening they often have a \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden. They usually invite their \_\_\_\_\_ to join them. Everybody knows everybody in Lightning Ridge, so it's a very \_\_\_\_\_ place. It's quite unusual that there are about 50 different \_\_\_\_\_ there, so it's a really interesting \_\_\_\_\_ of people.

## B. FORM WH QUESTIONS.

1. Brett is talking about his home town
2. It's a fantastic place.
3. They've got a five-star swimming pool.
4. It's Olympic-size.
5. He swims there three times a week.
6. He plays golf on a golf course.
7. In summer he often goes to Water theme park with his friends.
8. He likes art galleries.
9. There are a lot of brilliant artists.
10. He works at the crocodile caravan park in summer.

11. Lightning Ridge is a dry place.
12. There aren't many trees and flowers there.
13. There are a lot of rare birds.
14. Because there isn't much rain, they spend a lot of time outside.
15. They often have a barbecue in the garden.
16. They usually invite their neighbours to join them.
17. Lightning Ridge is a friendly place because they all know each other.
18. There are about 50 different nationalities.
19. It's an interesting mixture of people.

## C. CRISS-CROSS IS THE BOSS.

### ACROSS

1. KAMP S PRIKOLICAMI
5. PREVEČ (NEŠT. SAM.)
9. GOLF IGRIŠČE
10. TEMPELJ
13. STRINJATI SE
14. NIMAM NIČ PROTI
16. TEMATSKI PARK
18. OPAL
21. STRUP
25. TKMOVANJE S KOZAMI
26. ŠPORTNE DEJAVNOSTI
27. RAZSTAVA
28. PREDLAGATI

### DOWN

2. OBISKOVALEC
3. ALI NAJ
4. ZAKAJ NE
6. STRUPEN
7. VELEBLAGOVNICA
8. REDEK
10. PREVEČ (ŠT. SAM.)
11. GREBEN
12. S PETIMI ZVEZDICAMI
15. MOŠEJA
17. DOVOLJ
19. DAJMO
20. GRAD
22. ITI NA IZLET S ČOLNOM
23. KAJ PA
24. STRELA
27. VELIKA NOČ
28. PREDLOG
29. NOTRANJOST AVSTRALIJE

