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Unit 6

In the Outback

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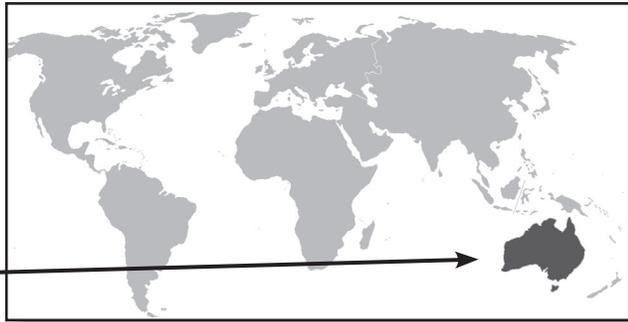
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Get On a Train

Hal lives in Australia.

On the map Australia
is here.



Hal lives on the coast.

(See here, by the arrow?)



He lives in a big city
on the water.

city

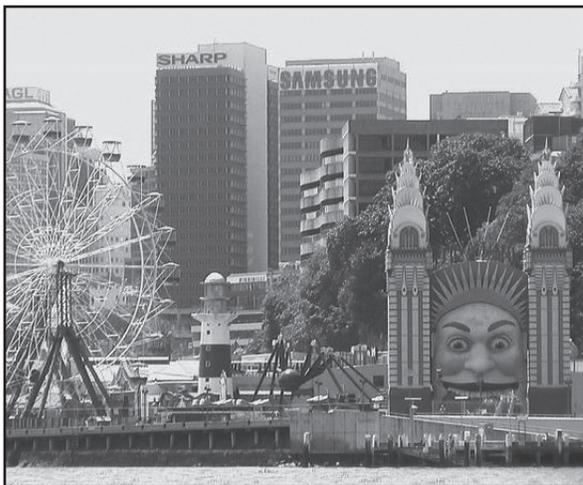
Hal owns a boat.

He sails his boat in the bay.

He sees many boats
on the water.



boats



Luna Park

For fun, Hal sails to Luna Park
on the water.

At Luna Park he likes
the thrill rides.

He rides the Speed King
and the Hissing Snake.

Hal screams on
the Hissing Snake ride.

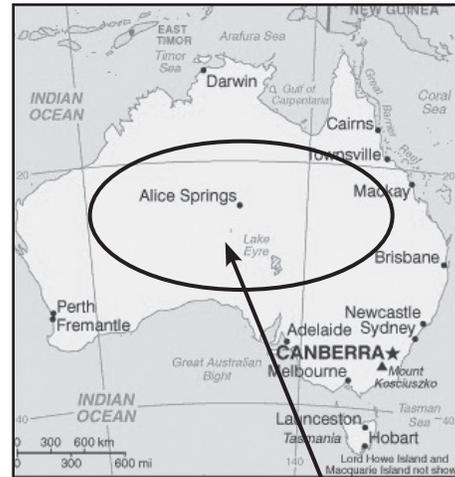
Hal got e-mail from his pal Mike.

Mike lives in the outback.

The outback is land that is not on the coast.

On a map the outback is here.

Australia is big, so the outback is big.



outback



road

Mike tells Hal in his e-mail,
“Let me show you the outback.
We can take a trip.
We can go by train, by plane,
and by road.

When there is no road, we
can hike or bike on trails.”



trail



train

Hal e-mailed Mike.

“I will get a train and meet you.

We can roam in the outback.

Do you think we will see crocs
on the way?”

Mike sent an e-mail back.

“Yes, I think we will see many crocs.”

Hal packed and got on a train.

He was on his way to the outback.



jumping croc

Review

Word List 1	
Green Words	
coast	bay
owns	e-mail
boat	way
sails	trails
Red Words	
lives	park
Australia	outback
city	

Word Work Hal sails his _____.

Team Talk Questions

1. Where does Hal sail for fun?
2. Where does Mike live?

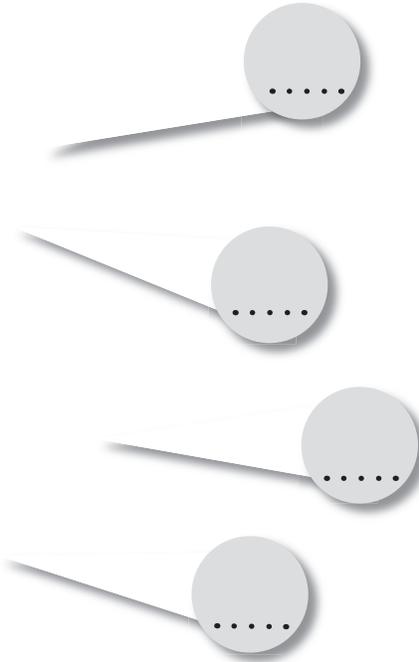
Dictation

Day 1 Homework

1

Practice reading the words in Word List 1. Have someone initial in a circle each time you read all the words on the list correctly.

Word List 1	
Green Words	
coast	bay
owns	e-mail
boat	way
sails	trails
Red Words	
lives	park
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city	



2

Practice reading "Get on a Train." Have someone initial in a box each time you read the passage correctly and smoothly.



3

Play Quick Erase. Change one letter at a time to make a new word.

play _____

= 2 =

Pain on a Train

Hal was on the train a long time.

He rode it for two days.

He had to eat and sleep
on the train.



train lunch

It was a long way to Mike's home.



red plains

On the train Hal had lots of
time to look at the land.

The flat plains looked red.

Rain did not come much to
soak these red plains.

The sky was big
and looked like a bowl.



sky



Hal saw animals jumping.

These animals moved fast!

They jumped over bushes with one jump.

The animals were kangaroos.

Hal saw lots of kangaroos eating
grass and jumping.

But he did not see many people.



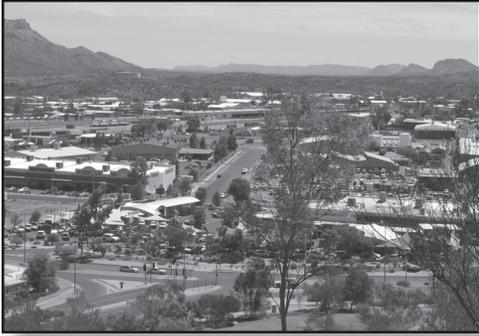
kangaroo



smile?

This kangaroo looked at Hal.

Is that a smile on the kangaroo?



At last, Hal came to Mike's city.

The city is by some big hills.

The train pulled into
the main railway stop.

Hal picked up his pack
and coat.

Man, was he glad to get off
that train!

Mike yelled, "Hal! Over here!"

Hal was glad to see Mike.

They loaded his pack
on Mike's bike.



bike

Day 2 Classwork

Letter Combos:

ai ay a_e

Letter Combos:

oa ow o_e

soak	hope	say	bake	snow	pain
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Word List 2	
Green Words	
train	smile
bowl	jumped
plains	soak
rain	days
Red Words	
sky	people
kangaroo	

Word Work Pat jumped off the _____.

Team Talk Questions

1. Why did Hal have lots of time to look at the land?
2. Who picked up Hal from the train?

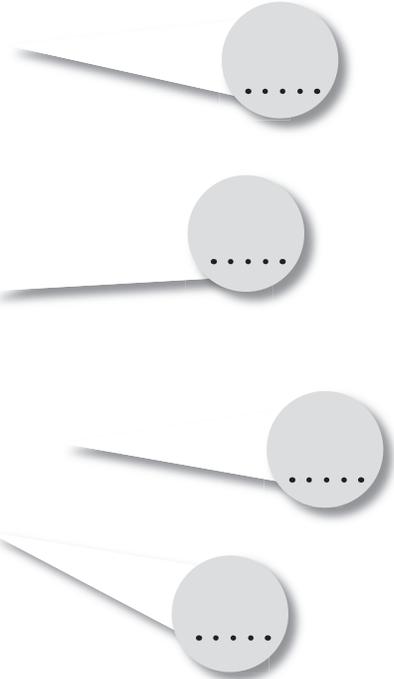
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Day 2 Homework

1

Practice reading the words in Word List 2. Have someone initial in a circle each time you read all the words on lists 1 and 2 correctly.

Word List 1		Word List 2	
Green Words		Green Words	
coast	bay	train	smile
owns	e-mail	bowl	jumped
boat	way	plains	soak
sails	trails	rain	days
Red Words		Red Words	
lives	park	sky	people
Australia	outback	kangaroo	
city			



2

Practice reading "Pain on a Train." Have someone initial in a box each time you read the passage correctly and smoothly.



3

Play Quick Erase. Change one letter at a time to make a new word.

boat _____

= 3 =

Big Rock

Hal and Mike rode a long way.
They left the road and drove
over the land.



Uluru glows in the sun.

Mike showed Hal a big, big rock a
long way off.

“That is the rock I will show you.
The name of that rock is Uluru.”

Mike and Hal drove across the
plain. They drove to the big
rock, Uluru.

Mike showed Hal some caves in the side of the rock.

Hal saw paintings on the rock walls.

“People have lived here by Uluru for 10,000 years.”



caves in the rock



water hole

Mike and Hal drove back across the plain.

Mike showed Hal water holes.

Animals in the outback drink from these water holes.

The people call the water holes bill-a-bongs.

Hal looked at the water.

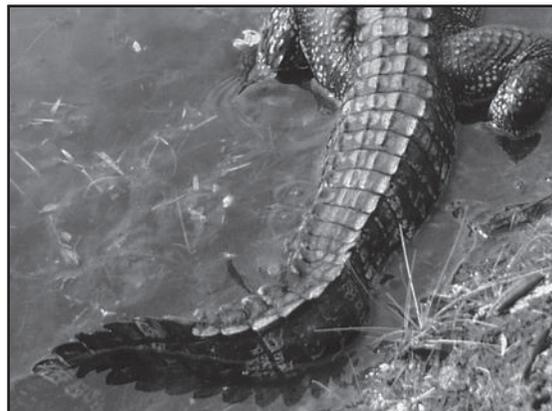
“I do not see crocs, Mike.”

Mike smiled.

“Hal, look at the tail sticking from the grass. Will you swim, Hal?

Will you swim in the bill-a-bong?”

“No, Mike. I will not swim today.”



Review

ai	ay	a_e	The train is a day late. Make way for the rain. My brain will play today.

oa	ow	o_e	Let me show them the snow. Go slow with the load. My home is on Yellow Road.

Word Work

flame _____

Team Talk Questions

1. Where do animals drink in the outback?
2. Will Hal swim today?

Dictation

Word List 3

Green Words

road	across
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showed	always
--------	--------

paintings	tail
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drove	today
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Red Words

over	forest
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years	
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Day 3 Homework

1

Practice reading the words in Word List 3. Have someone initial in a circle each time you read all the words on lists 1, 2, and 3 correctly.

Word List 1		Word List 2		Word List 3	
Green Words		Green Words		Green Words	
coast	bay	train	smile	road	across
owns	e-mail	bowl	jumped	showed	always
boat	way	plains	soak	paintings	tail
sails	trails	rain	days	drove	today
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2

Practice reading "Big Rock." Have someone initial in a box each time you read the passage correctly and smoothly.



3

Fill in the blank. Choose the word from Word List 3 that makes the most sense in the sentence. Write it in the blank.

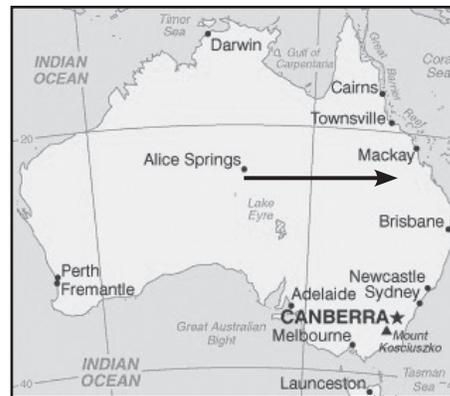
1. Mike and Hal drove on the _____.
2. We walked _____ the plain.
3. I like the _____ on the walls.

= 4 =

Tall Trees

The next day, Hal and Mike got on a plane.

On the map of Australia, they went from here to here.



They went east to see the rain forest.

In a rain forest, it rains a lot.

Rain soaks the land and things grow.



tall trees

Mike and Hal hiked on a trail into the rain forest.

The trees were big.

They were over 300 feet tall.

Up in the trees, Hal saw an animal.

"Look, Mike. Do you see that?"

That animal's coat looks soft."



Mike smiled.

"It was my goal to see that animal.

It is always up in the trees.

It sleeps and sleeps all day."

"Stop, Mike."

Mike stayed still.

Hal saw a small animal

low in the trees.

"Is it a toad?"



"No, Hal, it is a tree frog."

"Look, Mike. I see two things hanging from the branch of the tree."



"I see them, Hal. The two things are bats. See, one has its wings wide."



"Whoa! That is a bat!"

Day 4 Classwork

Word List 1		Word List 2		Word List 3	
Green Words		Green Words		Green Words	
coast	bay	train	smile	road	across
owns	e-mail	bowl	jumped	showed	always
boat	way	plains	soak	paintings	tail
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Word Work

trail _____

Team Talk Questions

1. What is up in the trees that makes Mike smile?

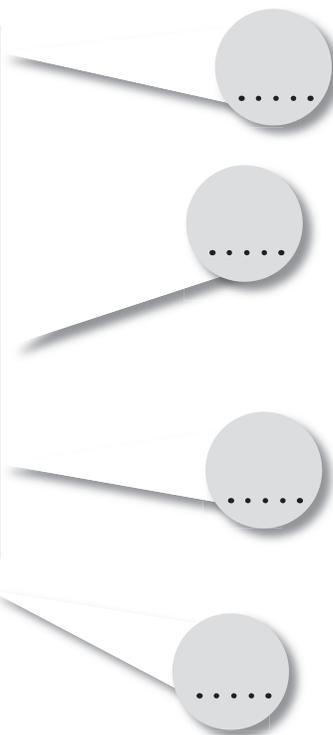
2. What two things are hanging from a branch?

Dictation

Day 4 Homework

Practice reading the words in Word Lists 1, 2, and 3. Have someone initial in a circle each time you read all the words on lists 1, 2, and 3 correctly.

Word List 1		Word List 2		Word List 3	
Green Words		Green Words		Green Words	
coast	bay	train	smile	road	across
owns	e-mail	bowl	jumped	showed	always
boat	way	plains	soak	paintings	tail
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Red Words		Red Words		Red Words	
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2

Practice reading "Tall Trees." Have someone initial in a box each time you read the passage correctly and smoothly.

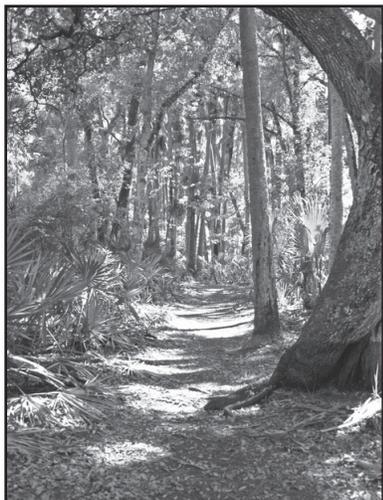


3

Choose a picture from the reading. Write a sentence about the picture using one or more of the words from your word lists.

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They Looked Up



rain forest

Hal and Mike hiked deep
into the rain forest.

They looked for animals
in the trees.

They were looking up.
They did not look below.
They did not see the animal
on the trail.





snake

Then Mike saw the snake.

“Hal! Stand still!”

Hal froze.

“Hal, be slow. Step here near me.

Maybe the snake will not see you.”

Hal was slow.

He moved away from the snake.

“Whoa! That was close, Mike.

Next time let’s look at the trail, not the trees.”



odd plant

Mike and Hal went along the trail for a mile.

They saw many odd plants.

“Look, Mike. This plant has buds and sticks.”

“Look at this plant, Hal.
I think it looks like a big red
puff ball.”

“No, Mike. It looks like
a dust mop.”



puff ball? dust mop?

Hal was going to pick a big leaf from a tree.

“Hal! Stay away from that tree! It is a stinging tree.”



The leaf of the stinging tree
has many, many small spines.

If the spines get in skin, they
itch a lot.

They itch so much, you can
not stand it.

“I will stay away from
stinging trees, Mike.”

The day was hot.

Hal and Mike needed water.

"Hal, do you hear water?"

"Yes, Mike. I hear water."

They looked up.



waterfall

It was a waterfall.

"I think I will get wet, Hal.

Will you watch for crocs?"

"Yes, I will always watch

for crocs and snakes...

and stinging trees."

Hal and Mike went

in the waterfall.

The water flowed over them.

Day 5 Classwork

Word List 1		Word List 2		Word List 3	
Green Words		Green Words		Green Words	
coast	bay	train	smile	road	across
owns	e-mail	bowl	jumped	showed	always
boat	way	plains	soak	paintings	tail
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Word Work

Choose a picture from the reading. Write a sentence about the picture using a word from the word lists.

Team Talk Questions

1. Why didn't Hal and Mike see the snake?
2. What animals must Hal watch out for?

Dictation

Day 5 Homework

1

Practice spelling the words in Word Lists 1, 2, and 3. Have someone initial in a circle each time you spell all the words on lists 1, 2, and 3 correctly.

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Green Words		Green Words		Green Words	
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owns	e-mail	bowl	jumped	showed	always
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2

Practice reading "They Looked Up." Have someone initial in a box each time you read the passage correctly and smoothly.



3

Choose a picture from the reading. Write a sentence about the picture using two words from your word lists.

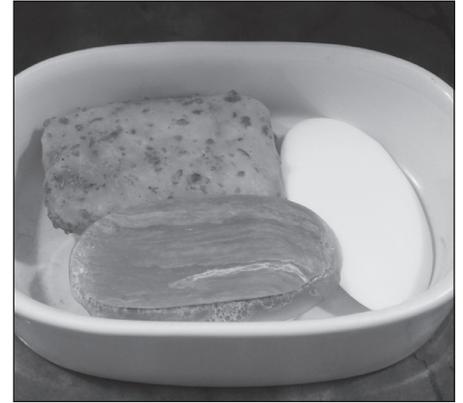
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