

# Meet the Browns test

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## A letter from Australia

Dear Sarah,

I'm having a wonderful time here at the moment! We are in Palm Beach, a beachside suburb of Sydney. This is quite different from life in the city centre in Melbourne where we live. We are on holiday now, and the hotel we are staying at is fantastic. It is located directly on the beach, so we can see the ocean from our rooms.

The weather is hot and sunny. We spend a lot of time at the beach. Right now, I'm sitting on the balcony drinking coca cola. My sister and I are having surf lessons, a pretty famous sport here. She has always wanted to learn to surf. My father is playing golf. He says it is the best sport in the world, but I find it quite boring. My mother is buying some souvenirs at the local market. She loves shopping, but the market is too crowded for me.

Palm Beach is a wonderful place for a holiday. It has some lovely restaurants. My parents always order sea food, but my sister and I don't like it. We prefer Ostrich steak. It's delicious. After dinner, we usually go for a walk along the coastline. It's very peaceful and relaxing.

Well, that's all for now. I'm impatient to read you!.

Love,  
Jenny

PS: I'd love to visit your country too ! Forgot to tell you I'm 14.

I also forgot to tell you that I would like to show you Ayer's Rock , a famous place and sacred area to the Aboriginal people.

## Reading comprehension :6pts

### 1-Read and answer the questions:1pt

1.Where does Jenny live?-----

2. Does she live in a big town?.....

### 2-Read and say true or false : 1.5pt

1-Jenny's parents don't like the food there (....)

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2-They are spending their holiday in the centre of Sydney (.....)

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3-Jenny does the shopping with her mum(.....)

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**3-Read and complete with words from the text :1pt**

Jenny like all tourists buys .....from the market place .Staying in a fantastic hotel with a nice view of the .....from the window .

**4-Find in the text the opposite of the following adjectives :2.5pts**

Adjectives	The opposites
Similar	
Cold	
Cloudy	
Interesting	
Disgusting	

**Language : 8pts**

**1- Put the bracketed verbs in the right tense or form: 2.5 pts**

Hi. I'm Tom. Last Sunday, my parents and I (to go)..... to the beach. The sun was (to shine)..... and the weather was fine. We took some food, fruit and vegetables. My parents (to sit)..... under the sunshade and I started to build a sand castle. I made a big one. A woman (to walk)..... her dog looked at my sand castle and smiled. Suddenly, the dog started (to jump)..... around her and in a second, my castle was gone. My father smiled.

**2-Insert the right question from the list below .There is an extra one :2pts**

British kids are excited. In July it's the start of the summer holidays .Let's listen to what two English students say about their summer holidays.

**Reporter:** .....

**Maggie:** I like going on holiday to other countries. My favourite places are Spain, France and Greece. And, of course, I enjoy going for sleepovers with my best friends.

**Reporter:** .....

**Maggie:** It's enough time to have a break from school and I can spend time with my family and do fun things, like visiting a theme park or going to the beach. But I want twelve weeks!

**Reporter:** .....

**Maggie:** sad because I have to do lots of homework. But I like seeing all my mates and meeting my teachers. You could say that I have mixed feelings about it. **Reporter:** What about you, Andy? What do you like doing during the summer holidays?

**Andy:** I like playing football with my friends and going camping with my older brother.

**Reporter:** .....

**Andy:** I think a six-week holiday is enough. I can relax and get ready for the new school year.

**Reporter:** Do you also feel sad when you go back to school?

**Andy:** Yes, I do. I feel bad because I can't play with my friends all day, but excited about seeing all my schoolmates again.

**a-**How do you feel when you go back to school after the summer holidays?

**b-**How long would you like for your summer holidays?

**c-**Do you think a six-week holiday is enough?

**d-**Hello, Maggie! What do you like doing during the summer holidays?

**e-** Do you feel sad to go back to school?

**Fill in the spaces with the right words from the list below:3.5pts**

**-Catching -For-excitedly-monotonous-pleasant -sleepy-in -costumes**

The day dawned bright and sunny. It was ideal ..... a picnic by the sea. We quickly packed some refreshments and swimming ....., not forgetting our cameras and deck chairs. ...., we drove off from the city through the picturesque fishing village , waiting to catch a glimpse of the sea.

Finally, we parked our car at a shady spot under some coconut palms. The white, sandy beach was full of tiny crabs scurrying about. My sister and I could not resist ..... them. The shells we picked were also interesting .After a while, we swam in the sea which was cool and ..... I saw sailing boats in the distance and fishermen busy with their catch. Then we sat on the beach and ate sandwiches, cookies, peanuts and fruit followed by iced drinks.

The sun was now fiercely hot, and we felt tired and ..... as we lay on the sandy beach. My brother took snaps of us playing in the sea and climbing up high rocks. After our lunch of curry and rice, we swam again till the late afternoon before we changed for our journey home. It was an enjoyable day by the sea as it was a welcome change from our usual busy and .....routine in the city.

**Writing :**

Have you got a pen friend ?

Find out if you would like to live where Jenny lives ?say why?

Write an answer to Jenny and give information about yourself and your country ( a tourist attraction)



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