

**HIGH FLYERS**

enormous	огромный
school of the air	дистанционное обучение
study	учиться
send	отправлять
post	почта
once	один раз
discuss	обсуждать
borrow	брать
library	библиотека
arrive	прибывать
twice	дважды
help	помогать
dinner	ужин
playing field	игровое поле
together	вместе

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**LOOK AT THE PHOTOS. WHAT CAN YOU SEE?**

There's a ... there are...

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**READ THE READING TIP. THEN LOOK THROUGH THE TEXT QUICKLY AND FIND THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS.**

1. How many people live in Australia?
2. How many students use Schools of the Air?
3. How often do teachers visit their students?

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**MATCH THE HIGHLIGHTED WORDS IN THE TEXT WITH THE DEFINITIONS BELOW.**

1. with no other person there; alone: \_\_\_\_\_
2. very big: \_\_\_\_\_
3. take and use something, then give it back later : \_\_\_\_\_



4. happens: \_\_\_\_\_
5. two times \_\_\_\_\_
6. letters, postcards, etc: \_\_\_\_\_
7. one time: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWERS.**

1. Some students in Australia can't go to normal schools because
  - a. their parents work on farms
  - b. they live hundreds of kilometers away from a school.
  
2.
  - a. There are 12.000 students in the Schools of the Air.
  - b. There are 1.000 students in the Schools of the Air.
  
3. Once a week, students
  - a. send work to the teachers.
  - b. borrow books from the library.
  
4. Students discuss their work with a teacher
  - a. on the phone
  - b. by radio or on the library.
  
5. A teacher and student meet when
  - a. the student visits the teacher's home.
  - b. the teacher visits the student's home.
  
6. The Sports Carnival happens once a year and is
  - a. compulsory
  - b. optional

# school of the Air

### **Big country, small population**

Australia is an enormous country, but it has a population of only 20 million. Some families live on farms, hundreds of kilometers from a town or city. Children from these families can't travel to school every day, so many of them use a special schools: the Australian School of the Air.

### **Schools without classrooms**

There are twelve Schools of the Air in Australia and over 1.000 students use them. Students of the School of the Air haven't got lessons in classrooms with other students. They study at home on their own. The teachers at the School of the Air prepare lessons and send them to the students by post – e- mail. The students have to work on these lessons for five or six hours a day, Monday to Friday. They send their work to the teachers once a week and discuss it by radio or over the Internet. They can also borrow books from the school library. The books arrive by post.

### **A chance to meet**

Once or twice a year, a teacher visits every student at home. The teacher spends a day with the students, helps them with their work and discusses problems. The teacher often has dinner with the family and stays for a night at the student's house. Teachers and students can also meet at the Sport Carnival. This takes place once a year on playing fields in Alice Springs. Students don't have to go. But it is a great way for them to do sport together and make friends.



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**COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE WORDS FROM THE BOX. CHECK THE MEANINGS OF ANY NEW WORDS.**

**parts of the school** canteen classroom computer room corridor gym hall library playing field staff room stairs

1. You find lots of books in the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. You eat lunch in the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. You play sports like football and hockey on the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. You have lessons in the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Teachers meet and talk in the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. You usually play basketball and volleyball in the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. At the beginning of a lesson, you wait in the \_\_\_\_\_ before you go into the classroom.
8. You've got ICT lessons in the \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The whole school can meet in the \_\_\_\_\_.
10. You wake up or down the \_\_\_\_\_ to get to another floor.

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**HOW MANY OF THE WORDS IN EXERCISE 5 CAN YOU FIND IN THE TEXT ABOUT THE SCHOOL OF THE AIR? LIST THEM.**

**WRITE.**

Lessons at home	
Advantages	Disadvantages
It's easy to think.	There isn't a gym.
You don't have to get up early.	It's difficult to compare ideas.