

## Test on Reading



### Izzie's most unusual places

Hi, I'm Izzie and this is my blog about the most unusual places in the world. Today I'm writing about Australia!

Australia is a continent and it's also an English-speaking country. Its capital is Canberra and three of its largest cities are Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. Australia is the sixth largest country in the world, but only about twenty-five million people live there. Desert covers most of the land, so about eighty percent of the people live on the coast. The climate is better there. But some people live in unusual places. One of them is a small town called Coober Pedy.

Coober Pedy is in the South Australian desert. On summer days, it can be as hot as 47°C! For this reason, more than half the people live under the ground. The temperature is always comfortable there. Underground homes have kitchens, bathrooms, bedrooms and living rooms. Everyday life in Coober Pedy is not very different from any other town. People go to work or school, do their household chores, watch TV and spend time with friends and family.

Coober Pedy has lots of visitors every year. People come to stay in the underground hotels. There are also underground shops, cafés and museums. On summer nights, when it isn't too hot, people can go above the ground and play golf in the world's only golf course without grass. It's not easy to lose golf balls because they are glow-in-the-dark!



### Task 1. Circle T (true) or F (false).

Statements:

1. Australia is a continent and an English-speaking country.
2. The capital of Australia is Sydney.
3. Three of the largest cities in Australia are Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth.
4. Most of the land in Australia is covered by desert.
5. About eighty percent of the people in Australia live on the coast.
6. Coober Pedy is a small town in the South Australian desert.
7. More than half of the people in Coober Pedy live above the ground.
8. Underground homes in Coober Pedy have kitchens, bathrooms, bedrooms and living rooms.
9. Coober Pedy has underground hotels, shops, cafés and museums.
10. The golf course in Coober Pedy has grass.

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### Task 2. Choose the right answer!

Questions:

**1. What is Australia?**

- a) A continent
- b) An island
- c) A city
- d) A state

**2. What is the capital of Australia?**

- a) Sydney
- b) Melbourne
- c) Brisbane
- d) Canberra

**3. What are three of Australia's largest cities?**

- a) Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane
- b) Perth, Adelaide and Darwin
- c) Canberra, Hobart and Melbourne
- d) Sydney, Perth and Adelaide

**4. How many people live in Australia?**

- a) About 25 million
- b) About 50 million
- c) About 100 million
- d) About 10 million

**5. Where do most people in Australia live?**

- a) In the desert
- b) In the mountains
- c) On the coast
- d) In the forest

**6. Why do more than half the people in Coober Pedy live underground?**

- a) Because it's cooler
- b) Because it's cheaper
- c) Because it's safer
- d) Because it's more convenient

**7. What can be found in underground homes in Coober Pedy?**

- a) Kitchens, bathrooms, bedrooms and living rooms
- b) Swimming pools and gyms
- c) Movie theaters and game rooms
- d) None of the above

**8. What can visitors do in Coober Pedy?**

- a) Stay in underground hotels
- b) Visit underground shops, cafés and museums
- c) Play golf in the world's only golf course without grass
- d) All of the above

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**9. What is unique about the golf balls used in the golf course in Coober Pedy?**

- a) They are made of gold
- b) They are made of plastic
- c) They are glow-in-the-dark
- d) They are invisible

**10. What is everyday life like in Coober Pedy?**

- a) Very different from any other town
- b) Similar to any other town
- c) More dangerous than any other town
- d) More expensive than any other town

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Task 3.

True/False:

1. True
2. False (The capital of Australia is Canberra.)
3. True
4. True
5. True
6. True
7. False (More than half of the people in Coober Pedy live under the ground.)
8. True
9. True
10. False (The golf course in Coober Pedy does not have grass.)

Task 4.

Correct answers:

1. a
2. d
3. a
4. a
5. c
6. a
7. a
8. d
9. c
10. b