

# Growing up in the Outback

## 1 My exciting life on a cattle station → WB P. 28

- a. Get ready** Learn words about life on a farm.
- b.** Listen and say what Rory likes the most about her life.
- c. Your turn!** Imagine you are back from a holiday in the countryside. Discuss your most memorable memory with a classmate.

**ABC Rural**  
**Teenage Princess of Cattle Empire**  
 An interview by Thomas Brown for ABC News  
 Today we are visiting Rory Fenech and her family at their cattle station in the Outback. Click here to listen to Rory's interview.

Rory leads show cow Jess around the farm and fields.

## 2 A very unique school: the School of the Air → WB P. 29

- d.** Look at the map and discover a very special school.
- e.** Listen to Christopher, an Aussie teen, and find out more about the School of the Air.
- f. Have your say!** What do you find most surprising about Christopher's life?

Darwin, Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Hobart, Perth, Adelaide

Christopher lives here. Listen to him.

Our teachers visit us once a year. Sometimes they travel by plane.

We go on excursions with our classmates during Get-together Week.

We use our computer to communicate with our teachers and our classmates.

## 3 Another way of life in the Outback → WB P. 30

- g. Get ready** Learn about helping a farming family.
- h.** Read and find out about Nathan's and Adriana's experiences.
- i. Your turn!** You have had an astonishing experience. Write a short email to a friend to tell him / her about it.

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For the first time in her life Adriana is giving a hand.

For the first time in his life Nathan feels concerned about people.

By Kevin Jones, Wed Jan 4, 2017  
 Nathan and Adriana both live in big Australian cities. They are having a new experience, spending a few weeks with a family in the Outback. Their adventures now appear on television.

**Kevin:** You have now spent four weeks in the Outback. How as it been?  
**Adriana:** Whew! It has been tough... There is so much work to do, feeding the chooks<sup>1</sup>, cleaning the dogs' dishes. It can be a little disgusting... YUCK!!  
**Kevin:** What is the most difficult thing you have done?  
**Adriana:** Shearing sheep is the hardest thing I have ever done, for sure. It is SO difficult! But it has been great to have so many new things to do and I am so proud I have helped on the farm. Holding calves in my arms has just been WOW... Great.  
**Kevin:** Nathan, what is the most striking thing you have learnt?  
**Nathan:** Charity work I guess. There has been very little rain this year. Farming families are suffering from drought<sup>2</sup>. They really need a little help! We gave them boxes of food and presents. People here take care of each other. They don't have many occasions to meet and little time to spend together. I have been so happy to help because it is incredibly important.

1. chickens 2. sécheresse

### Words

- a barn : une grange
- the Bush : le bush
- a cattle station : une grande ferme d'élevage
- the Outback /'aʊtbæk/ = Central Australia
- great /greɪt/ = amazing : super, génial(e)
- tough /tʌf/ = hard : difficile
- near /nɪə/ ≠ far : près ≠ loin

Use your words → P. 51

### Use your grammar → P. 50

- Le superlatif
- Le present perfect + ever
- Les quantificateurs
- So / so much / so many

Practise and write → WB P. 31