

A day in the life of an Australian Child

This week, we are going to find out what life is like for an Australian child. This is Riley. She goes to school in Sydney.



Where I Live

I live in a suburb of Sydney called Forestville. We all live in little houses like this. We have a pool in the middle of our complex, but it gets really busy because it is so hot! It is summer here and we have just had our summer holiday. We have been away from school since mid December.





# My Room

This is my bedroom. You might be able to see some animal pictures because I love animals. Here in Australia, there is lots of wildlife. On my walk to school, we regularly see small snakes, geckos and spiders! My carpet is an Aboriginal print. Do you know Aborigines are?





#### Getting to school

Lots of people drive to school, but we don't live very far away. Our school has a walking bus, where we can walk to school with our friends. I like it because I like to talk and walk! How do you get to school? As you can see in the picture, we have a school uniform, which is blue.





# Morning at School

School starts at 9.20am. This is my classroom. We have a carpet area and tables to sit at. We normally do English and Maths in the morning. We have playtime at 11am, where I like to play basketball.





#### Lunchtime at School

We don't have a lunch hall, so we have lunch in our classes at around 1pm. Most of us have packed lunch, but you can have school dinners. I normally have a cheese sandwich and some fruit and vegetables. Because of the tropical climate here, the fruit is amazing!





### Afternoon at School

In the afternoon, we have a really long playtime, normally for about an hour. In this time, there are lots of zones to play, read, dance and so on. It is so hot, you must have a hat, otherwise you have to stay inside!

In the afternoon, our lessons are more creative, so we do art and DT and music.





After School

School finishes at 3pm. However, we don't really go home at that time. You can stay to do extra curricular activities. Some have extra learning support, some play musical instruments and there are different things each day. I like Wednesday, as that's when Mr Dee our teacher, takes us to the swimming pool to learn some surfing skills!





# Evening

At 4pm, Dad comes to collect me from school. We normally walk home and I tell him about what I have been doing. As it is summer, we are having a barbeque for dinner. These are my favourites, we call them shrimp. What is your favourite food?





Compare and Contrast

Now you have learnt about Riley's day, we are going to compare and contrast her day with what our day is like.

What things in her day were similar to ours? What things in her day were different to ours?

Complete the table on the following page, using words, phrases or pictures.



Things that are the same in Australia and the UK	Things that are different in Australia and the UK