

## 7 A mysterious girl

After reading chapter 4, collect information about the girl who saves the kids' lives by catching the snake. Who do you think she is?

## 8 Aboriginal culture

1. What do we learn about the culture, traditions, problems and conflicts of the Aborigines in chapters 5 and 6?
2. List the survival techniques given in the text.

## 9 The old world and the new world

"I love modern things, too, but I value the knowledge you've taught me. Surely there's a way the old world and the new can live side by side?"

1. What do you think about this statement? Can the old world and the new world live side by side? Do you know any examples where this is the case?
2. Are modern ways always better than the old ways? Think of mobile phones, computers, social networks, chat rooms, cars, industrial biology, fast food, etc.
3. What old or old-fashioned things do you, your parents, or your grandparents still use today?
4. Discuss the pros and cons, the advantages and disadvantages or the risks and dangers of modern and old ways.

## 10 Telling lies

Jake tells a lie in order to save their lives.

Is it all right to tell a lie in a situation like this? Are there any situations in which telling a lie is all right? Have you ever been in a situation in which you thought it was right to tell a lie? Why did you think it was right?

## 11 The outback

Describe what the outback looks like.

## 12 Jake and the lorry drivers

Work in groups of four. One of you is Jake and the others are the lorry drivers. Create a dialogue. What are the lorry drivers' questions and Jake's answers? Act out the scene.

## Solutions

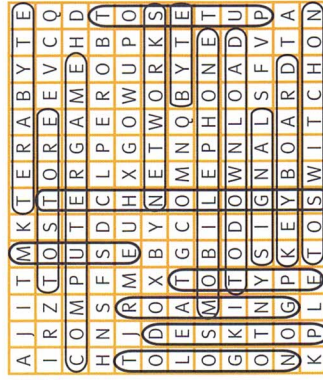
### Before you read

#### Multiple choice

1. a; 2. c; 3. b; 4. b; 5. a

### While you read

- 1 A word search



## 2 A word web

plane: seat, entertainment system, armrest, row, table, tail, breakfast tray, (plane) window, flight, double-deck jet, overhead locker, passenger, video screen, 'fasten seat belts' sign, turbulence, flight attendant, intercom, (plane) engine, to roar, captain, (cabin) crew, announcement, flight attendant, steward  
airport: connecting flight, gangway, duty free shop, passport, baggage claim, car hire desk, customs, immigration department's booth, to scan, to stamp, trolley, security, customs barrier, traveller, terminal, ATM, Foreign Exchange desk, taxi sign, car park  
entertainment: movie, channel, remote control, game, computer, entertainment system, video screen, to switch on

## 3 A crossword puzzle

Across: 1. parents, 2. Holland, 3. Australia, 4. scientists, 5. electricity;  
Down: plane

## 4 The main characters

1. Jake: trustworthy, lonely, thoughtful, responsible, no sense of direction, melancholic, curly black hair  
Maritska: fifteen, princess, cosmetics, bored, tired, pretty, long blonde hair, cough  
Pim: techno geek, careless, cheeky, hair the colour of carrots, excited, twelve, full of energy  
2. Jake: protective, courageous, fascinated by Kyeema, smart, eager to learn, more self-confident, closer to nature, feels like he belongs to the family  
Maritska: scared, disgusted by eating strange things, weak, sick, becoming more practical, rides a horse, wears jeans and boots, checks fences, helps workers  
Pim: wants to be friends with Kyeema, curious, learns to listen to others, writes stories, less dependent on technology

## 5 True or false

1. True; 2. True; 3. False; 4. False; 5. True; 6. True

## 6 Good news and bad news

Good news: Ray manages to land on a sandbank. Jake, Maritska and Pim are alive and unharmed. They manage to exit the plane

before it explodes. The trees and bushes provide shade. They find Maritska's bag with hats in it. Pim has got his mobile phone.

**Bad news:** Ray has died from a heart attack. Jake cannot call for help because the headset doesn't work anymore. The plane explodes. The battery of Pim's mobile phone is dead. It's hot and very sunny. There's no water. They are alone in the middle of the outback.

## 7 A mysterious girl

She has thick wavy black hair and is dressed in a bikini made of brown animal skins. Her teeth are white and her eyes sparkling. On her back she carries a pack of white sticks. With one of them she kills a snake and saves the kids' lives. She might be an Aboriginal girl.

## 8 Aboriginal culture

1. In the Yolgnu tribe there is a conflict between the old ways and the modern world. The government thinks that Aboriginal kids are missing out on education and job opportunities, so some of them are sent to live with white families. The problem is that the old members of the tribe don't like change. The tribe has got a lot of history, but some of its older members only live in the past and are not open to modern ways. Because of that, as she is a girl, Kyeema is not supposed to go on walkabouts and she is not taught all the words of her tribe's songs. These songs tell stories from the Dreamtime, a period before living memory when spirits came out of the earth and down from the sky to create the land and all living things. The words of these songs are secret and must not be taught to anybody who is not part of the tribe. There is a connection between the songs and the landscape. When the notes are long and in the same tone the landscape is flat and empty, when they are faster and higher, the land is high and uneven. Aborigines believe that certain animals are your totem. They watch over you and are sacred. If a dingo is your totem, you are not allowed to kill it.  
2. Eat snake meat. Collect sticks and pile them up to make a fire. Follow animal tracks to find food and water. Red fruits are usually good to eat, yellow ones are not. If something does not look good to eat, it probably isn't. Don't carry too many things with you.

**9 The old world and the new world**

Individual answers

**10 Telling lies**

Individual answers

**11 The outback**

The outback is a desert landscape. There are some hills, rocks and bushes. Sometimes the landscape is smooth, sometimes it is rocky and uneven. You can see breathtaking sunrises.

**12 Jake and the lorry drivers**

Individual answers

