



A city mouse or a country mouse?

Vocabulary

◆ Collocations

1 Match the words to form collocations.

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| 1 ☐ | fresh | a streets |
| 2 ☐ | heavy | b air |
| 3 ☐ | public | c traffic |
| 4 ☐ | crowded | d transport |

2 Fill in the correct words.

- lead • constant • convenient
 - unemployment • isolated • landscapes
- 1 Very few people a healthy lifestyle in big cities.
 - 2 Our house is next to the train station, which is very
 - 3 Many young people have to deal with when they finish their studies.
 - 4 Thailand is a country with amazing
 - 5 I can't study when there's noise around me.
 - 6 She lives in a(n) area in Northern Norway.

Grammar

◆ Present Simple vs Present Continuous

3 Put the verbs in brackets into the *present simple* or *present continuous*.

- 1 (he/like) the English countryside?
- 2 Peter (go) to the theatre now.
- 3 I'm happy I (fly) home tomorrow.
- 4 She (want) to visit London again.
- 5 I (not know) where she is.
- 6 He (start) school at 8:30 every day.
- 7 She (always/call) me late at night.

Reading

4 Read and choose A, B or C.

Going to school in the Australian Outback

The places in Australia that are very far away from the city are called The Australian Outback. In the Australian Outback, children don't walk to school. They don't even take the bus or the train. This is because the school is more than 300 kilometres away.

So how do these children get an education? The answer is simple. These children don't go to school at all! They have lessons on their home computer and speak to their teachers through a web camera.

Children in the Australian Outback are very good students. Maybe this is because it is easier to study away from the hustle and bustle of a big city or maybe computer lessons are more fun than normal lessons. Whatever the reasons, children in the Australian Outback seem to enjoy "school" more than many other children in the world.



- 1 The Australian Outback is close to the sea.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 2 Children in the Australian Outback don't get an education.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 3 The students study online.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 4 The students don't speak to their teachers.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 5 School is more fun for children in the Australian Outback.
A True B False C Doesn't say