

Living In Different Parts Of Australia 1

- Complete the Before Reading section of the Anticipation Guide below, then read the information on page 27. After you have read the information, complete the After Reading section of the Anticipation Guide.

Subject: The advantages and disadvantages of living in different parts of Australia.

| Anticipation Guide | | |
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| Selected Statements | Before Reading | After Reading |
| 1. The cost of living is usually less in remote towns than cities. | I think this statement is ... <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False | I think this statement is ... <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 2. It is easier to access public transport in urban areas. | I think this statement is ... <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False | I think this statement is ... <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 3. There are more public facilities in rural areas than in remote areas. | I think this statement is ... <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False | I think this statement is ... <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 4. The coast of Australia is the country's most popular area to live. | I think this statement is ... <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False | I think this statement is ... <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 5. The living conditions are not the same in all rural towns. | I think this statement is ... <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False | I think this statement is ... <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 6. Living in a remote community means living an isolated life. | I think this statement is ... <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False | I think this statement is ... <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 7. Rural communities can provide an important role in continuing cultural traditions in Australia. | I think this statement is ... <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False | I think this statement is ... <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 8. Unemployment levels vary between urban, rural and remote centres. | I think this statement is ... <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False | I think this statement is ... <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 9. People living in remote communities have more health issues than those in urban or rural towns. | I think this statement is ... <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False | I think this statement is ... <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 10. There is a high number of indigenous people living in remote Australian communities. | I think this statement is ... <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False | I think this statement is ... <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False |

Living In Different Parts Of Australia 2

- Read the information, then complete the After Reading column on page 26.

Each town in Australia has its own set of unique circumstances. For this reason the advantages and disadvantages vary greatly from town to town and region to region. Some rural towns are dependent on one main industry and the success of that industry directly affects the facilities and infrastructure found there. Rural communities in Western Australia and Queensland are often based on the mining industry. Other rural communities in New South Wales and the central coast act as 'satellite' towns. Their main function is to provide a community for people who work in the city but don't wish to live in an urban environment.



Tamworth, located on the Peel River in New South Wales, was established in 1832. It is representative of many rural towns in Australia. In comparison to urban cities there can often be: more low income earners, higher unemployment, more married

couples, a stronger family focus, a higher level of home ownership, fewer immigrants, younger school leavers and either fewer young adults or a higher rate of youth unemployment. Tamworth's population is usually about 45,000. Tamworth does have

CASE STUDY: TAMWORTH

the unique feature of being the 'country music centre' of Australia and hosts an annual country music festival which brings a huge amount of people to the town for a limited period of time.



Roxby Downs is a rural town which was established in 1988. It is located in South Australia, 550 kilometres north of Adelaide and 250 kilometres north of Port Augusta. It has approximately 4,500 people living there.

Roxby Downs is quite a unique town in the history of Australia as it was specifically set up in a joint venture between the South

Australian State Government and a mining company. Roxby Downs is sometimes referred to as 'the most modern town in the outback'. The mining company provided the town's infrastructure, housing, lighting, electricity and water. The Australian State Government provided the town's recreation facilities, educational facilities, policing and town administration.

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Roxby Downs has a variety of shopping and cultural facilities as well as educational, health and sporting facilities. Roxby Down's water is provided by the Great Artesian Basin which is one of the largest underground water reservoirs in Australia. The majority of residents are high income earners working in the mining industry. Roxby Downs is not necessarily a typical example of what life in a rural town is like.



Halls Creek is located in Western Australia in the Kimberley region. It is a remote location approximately 2,850 kilometres from Perth. The closest town is 365 kilometres away. Approximately 1,200 people live in Halls Creek.

The town has a hotel, a motel,

a caravan park and two roadhouses. It is also the base for several tours to the Bungle Bungles and to Wolfe Creek Crater. The town provides basic services for remote cattle stations in the region. Living conditions are basic, as they are in many other remote towns in Australia.

CASE STUDY: HALLS CREEK

The area is home to the indigenous Jaru and Kija peoples, and is home to some Tjurabalan peoples from the desert to the south of the town, which together represent more than 60% of the town's population.