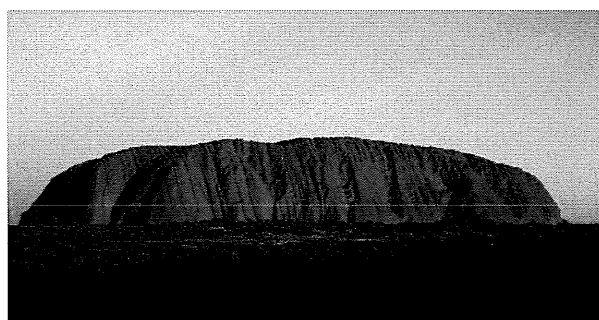
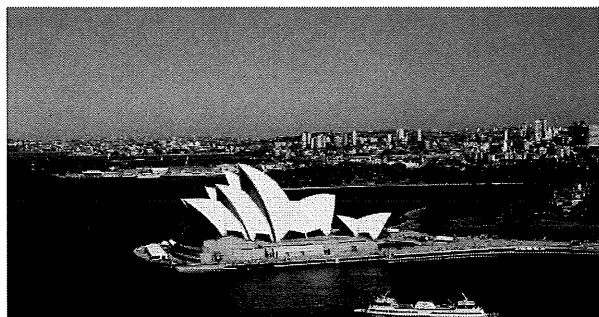


## LESSON 7: PREPARING AN INTERVIEW

### ACTIVITY 1 – SPEAKING

Have you ever been to Australia before?



If you have, tell your partner about your experience. Is there anything more about Australia that you'd like to know? What?

If not, do you know anything about it? Think about websites, news programmes, books or television shows that you have seen. What do you think it would be like to visit? Discuss with your partner.

### ACTIVITY 2 – LISTENING

You are going to listen to an interview with two women about Australia and Australian culture.

Look at the topics in the box, listen to the interview and circle the topics which are mentioned.

museums	animals
holidays	technology
transport	weather
stereotypes	music
film	behaviour

Listen to the interview again and answer the following questions.

1. What does Jordan say about the weather in Australia?
2. What doesn't Eloise like about Australia and why?
3. What does Jordan say about how Australia is perceived by outsiders?

4. What does Eloise like doing at the beach?
5. How do Australians celebrate Australia Day?
6. How does this differ from the views of indigenous people?

### ACTIVITY 3 – LANGUAGE FOCUS

Look at the transcript of the interview. Four questions have been highlighted. Match them to the following descriptions:

1. The interviewer is repeating what the interviewee said to elicit further information.
2. The interviewer uses a short, colloquial question to find out the reason for an answer.
3. The interviewer is asking the interviewee to expand on her answer.
4. The interviewer is asking the interviewees if they think an opinion is positive.

### ACTIVITY 4 – INTERVIEW ANALYSIS

Work in groups. Discuss the following questions:

1. What do you notice about most of the first responses in the interview?
2. How does the interviewer attempt to get the interviewees to answer more fully?
3. In your language do you have equivalents for these ways to get fuller answers to questions?
4. In your language do you have any different ways for getting people to give fuller answers to questions?

### ACTIVITY 5 – LANGUAGE PRACTICE

Put the words in the correct order to make questions. When you have finished, ask and answer the questions with a partner.

1. country / like / do / your / most / what / about / you?
2. is / your / about / the / thing / you / what / most / country / dislike?
3. people / do / perceived / think / country / is / by / how / countries / from / other / your / you?
4. kind / enjoy / people / in / of / do / what / your / country / holidays?

Now, in groups of three, practise reading the interview together.

## LESSON 7: AUSTRALIA INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT

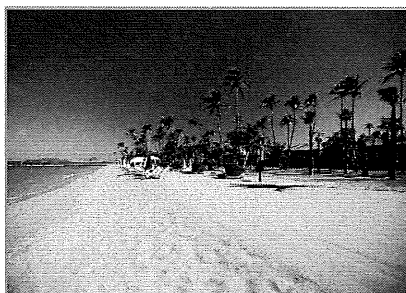
INTERVIEWER: Good afternoon everyone. So, I'm here today with Eloise and Jordan from Australia and I'm going to ask them some questions about their country's culture. So Eloise, let's start with you. What is your favourite thing about Australia?

ELOISE: I really like the nature.

INTERVIEWER: Mmmm. And you Jordan?

JORDAN: I'd have to say the warm sunny weather.

INTERVIEWER: So, the nature and the warm sunny weather. Anything else?



JORDAN: I also love the fact you're never more than about an hour away from the beach.

INTERVIEWER: That sounds great.

ELOISE: And I really like the culture as well. It's very relaxed.

INTERVIEWER: And what is the thing you dislike most about Australia?

JORDAN: I'd also have to say the weather.

INTERVIEWER: *How come?*

JORDAN: In summer it gets to about 40 degrees and it's about 98 percent humidity so it's very very hot.

INTERVIEWER: And how about you Eloise?

ELOISE: I dislike the insects.

INTERVIEWER: *The insects?*

ELOISE: Yeah, some of them are very big and we have a lot that are quite poisonous.

INTERVIEWER: That doesn't sound good! When you say big, how big is big?

ELOISE: I've seen a spider the size of a dinner plate and we also have some very big snakes.

INTERVIEWER: So how do you think Australia is perceived by people from other countries?

JORDAN: I think people think that we're (a) pretty laidback, relaxed nation.

INTERVIEWER: *And is that a good opinion, do you think?*

JORDAN: I think so yeah.

ELOISE: I think it's fairly accurate.

INTERVIEWER: And is there anything about Australian culture you're particularly proud of?

JORDAN: I love how willing everyone is to help each other out in a time of need.

INTERVIEWER: *Great and why do you think that is?*

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JORDAN: Our country prides itself on mate-ship so we're always willing to drop everything to help a friend out.

INTERVIEWER: Great, thanks. So Eloise, what kind of holiday do you really enjoy in Australia and why?

ELOISE: I really like going to the beach.

INTERVIEWER: Mmmm. And what do you do at the beach?

ELOISE: I go swimming in the ocean, lie in the sun, work on my tan, read. It's just very relaxing.

INTERVIEWER: That sounds great. And what do you do to celebrate Australia Day?

JORDAN: Usually you have a barbeque and drinks with your friends by the pool or at the beach and listen to the top 100 countdown as well.

INTERVIEWER: But hasn't there been some controversy surrounding it in recent years?

ELOISE: Yes, that's true.

INTERVIEWER: And why do you think that is? What do you think about it?

JORDAN: The indigenous people of Australia don't celebrate Australia Day. They see it as Invasion Day so it was the day that the British colony invaded Australia so instead of a day of celebration they have it as a day of mourning.

INTERVIEWER: Well, thanks for your time both and have a lovely day.

JORDAN: Thank you.

ELOISE: Thank you.

