



'The Lucky Country' - AUSTRALIA



1) Read the text and choose the right answer a, b, c or d.

Australia's first settlers 1 _____ the Aborigines, a dark-skinned race of hunters and food-gatherers. They arrived from Asia at least 38.000 years 2 _____. Some of them used a 3 _____ bridge which was linking the two continents at that time, but later was covered by rising sea levels, other people 4 _____ with the help of rafts and canoes.

About the time of European settlement, the Aboriginal population 5 _____ to have numbered some 30.000.



The continent 6 _____ by the Dutch in 1606, who called it New Holland. 7 _____ 1770 Captain Cook made his first visit to Australia. He landed at Botany Bay. Excursions inland 8 _____, but the bay proved *unsuitable* and the first settlement was made instead at Port Jackson, on the site of present-day Sydney. (The first 9 _____ came from Britain in 1788).

In 1804 Captain Matthew Flinders 10 _____ the name of **Australia**, but the term 11 _____ into general use until the 1820s.

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|----|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | a) have been | b) were | c) had been | d) are |
| 2 | a) until | b) before | c) ago | d) since |
| 3 | a) soil | b) ground | c) river | d) land |
| 4 | a) swim | b) swam | c) swimmied | d) were swimming |
| 5 | a) is believed | b) was believed | c) are believed | d) believed |
| 6 | a) discovered | b) is discovered | c) was discovered | d) has been discovered |
| 7 | a) On April | b) In the April | c) In april | d) In April |
| 8 | a) was made | b) have been made | c) were maked | d) were made |
| 9 | a) Aborigines | b) settlers | c) Indians | d) Americans |
| 10 | a) was proposed | b) is proposed | c) proposed | d) has proposed |
| 11 | a) didn't come | b) hasn't come | c) doesn't come | d) wasn't come |



Captain Cook



Captain Flinders

2) Complete the sentence in an appropriate way.

The text is about _____

- a) Europeans invading Australia
- b) famous people who visited Australia
- c) some facts from the early history of Australia
- d) the continent and its name

3) Which sentence doesn't fit the text?

- 1) Captain Cook visited Australia in the 18th century.
- 2) The first settlers from Britain were the Dutch.
- 3) The continent was discovered by the Dutch in the 17th century.
- 4) The first people from Britain settled not far from present-day Sydney.

4) Which word is the synonym for *unsuitable* in the text?

- a) convenient
- b) unprotected
- c) inappropriate
- d) illegal

5) Complete the sentence with the appropriate word.

The Dutch called the new continent _____

- a) Sydney
- b) New Holland
- c) Port Jackson
- d) Australia

7) Choose the best heading of the text.

6) Who gave the country the name of Australia?

- 1) the English
- 2) the Dutch
- 3) Captain Cook
- 4) Matthew Flinders

- 1) Captain Cook in Australia.
- 2) Australian Aborigines.
- 3) From the early History of Australia.
- 4) The First European Settlement in Australia.