

worksheet

level 1

Try not to look at the transcript while doing these exercises! Always read the instructions and all the information in the tasks before listening. Listen as many times as you like.

Ballarat - where is that?!

1 Listen for general meaning: listen to the whole podcast and decide if the answers to the following statements are true or false.

- a* Ballarat is near Melbourne.
- b* Ballarat has lots of tourists.
- c* Ballarat has great weather.
- d* People in Australia only eat British food.
- e* Koalas can be dangerous.

2 Listen again for more detail.

a Victoria is the *northern* / *southern* state in Australia.

b Sovereign Hill is a *gold* / *coal* mining village...

c ... from the *1815s* / *1850s*.

d What's the weather like?

- in winter?
- in summer?

e Does Donna think Australians are very different from British people?

- yes
- no

f Food in Australia: put a tick (✓) by the countries that Donna mentions.

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| • Thailand | • Greece |
| • Vietnam | • Austria |
| • China | • UK |
| • France | • US |
| • Italy | |

g Is Donna talking about kangaroos, koalas or both here?

- You can eat them
- You can see them easily in the bush
- They are difficult to see
- They have sharp claws
- They have strong hind (back) legs
- You have to be careful when you approach them

answers

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Why not look at the transcript before checking your answers?

Ballarat - where is that?!

- 1
- a* True, it's about an hour or so from Melbourne
 - b* True
 - c* False, it's not as pleasant as some of the other states
 - d* False
 - e* True
- 2
- a* Victoria is the *southern* state in Australia.
 - b* Sovereign Hill is a *gold*-mining village...
 - c* ... from the *1850s*.
 - d* What's the weather like?
 - It gets quite cold and it can snow, but not every winter
 - It's quite nice
 - e* Does Donna think Australians are very different from British people?
 - no
 - f* Food:
 - Thailand
 - Vietnam ✓
 - China ✓
 - France
 - Italy ✓
 - Greece ✓
 - Austria
 - UK ✓
 - US
 - g* Kangaroos, koalas or both?
 - You can eat them *kangaroos*
 - You can see them easily in the bush *kangaroos*
 - They are difficult to see *koalas*
 - They have sharp claws *both*
 - They have strong hind (back) legs *kangaroos*
 - You have to be careful when you approach them *both*