

Ex. 14 Read and complete the text by changing the form of the words in capitals.

**Dream destinations: Australia**

What do you know about Australia? This continent is \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ hemisphere, the seasons are opposite to those in the northern hemisphere: when we have summer, they have winter in Australia and the other way round.

SITUATE  
SOUTH

Up to the 18th century Australia used to be "Terra Australis Incognita", translated as "Unknown Southern Land" from Latin. Captain James Cook was the \_\_\_\_\_ to explore this land and to draw a simple map of it in 1770.

ONE

Australia used to be a British colony which influenced its flag called "a small Union Jack". The first \_\_\_\_\_ came here in 1778.

SETTLE

Australia is not a densely populated continent, around 22 million people live here. The continent consists mainly of deserts not \_\_\_\_\_ for living. They are Great Sandy, Gibson and Great Victoria deserts. The majority of population is concentrated along the south-eastern coast. The biggest cities in the North and West are Darwin and Perth. The capital of Australia is Canberra (368,000 people). Many people confuse it with Sydney which is several times bigger with its population of 4,6 million people.

SUIT

Australia is separated from the outer world. This fact influenced greatly its unique nature and animal world. Here you find the most unusual animals – the platypus and echidna, the mammals which lay eggs. When a \_\_\_\_\_ platypus was first brought to Europe by the early explorers and shown to public, the respected scientists laughed and thought it to be made up of parts of different animals.

STUFF

Here you'll find the kookaburra or "laughing bird". It \_\_\_\_\_ sounds similar to human laughter.

PRODUCTION

Australian English is a bit different from British English. It has some peculiarities in grammar and \_\_\_\_\_. They use such words as "outback" meaning a "remote, sparsely-populated area" or "bush" meaning "a wild or uncultivated country". The pronunciation may sound unfamiliar, but after you've listened to a native speaker for some time you start getting accustomed to it.

PRONOUNCE

Australia is too far to be reached by a non-stop flight. That's why if you go there, you'll have to change planes somewhere in Hong Kong or Bangkok.

The best-known tourist \_\_\_\_\_ in Australia are the Sydney Opera House which looks like sails, the Great Barrier Reef, and Kakadu National Park which provides numerous \_\_\_\_\_ activities.

ATTRACT

DOOR

Australia is certainly worth visiting. If you have an opportunity to go there, never miss it. It'll be an \_\_\_\_\_ journey into a completely different world.

FORGET