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PRE-LISTENING

TASK 1:

a) Are you an expert on Australia?

Combine the pictures of strange places in Australia (PIC 1 – PIC 6) with their corresponding names. There are two names that you do not need. Complete the grid below.



PIC 1



PIC 2



PIC 3



PIC 4



PIC 5



PIC 6

| | | | |
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| A) Mount Dandenong, William Ricketts Sanctuary | B) Ned Kelly, Glenrowan | C) Pineapple, Woombye | D) Hyden, Wave Rock |
| E) Newnes Glow Worm tunnel | F) Watermelon, Chinchilla | G) Coober Pedy | H) Lobster, Kingston SE |

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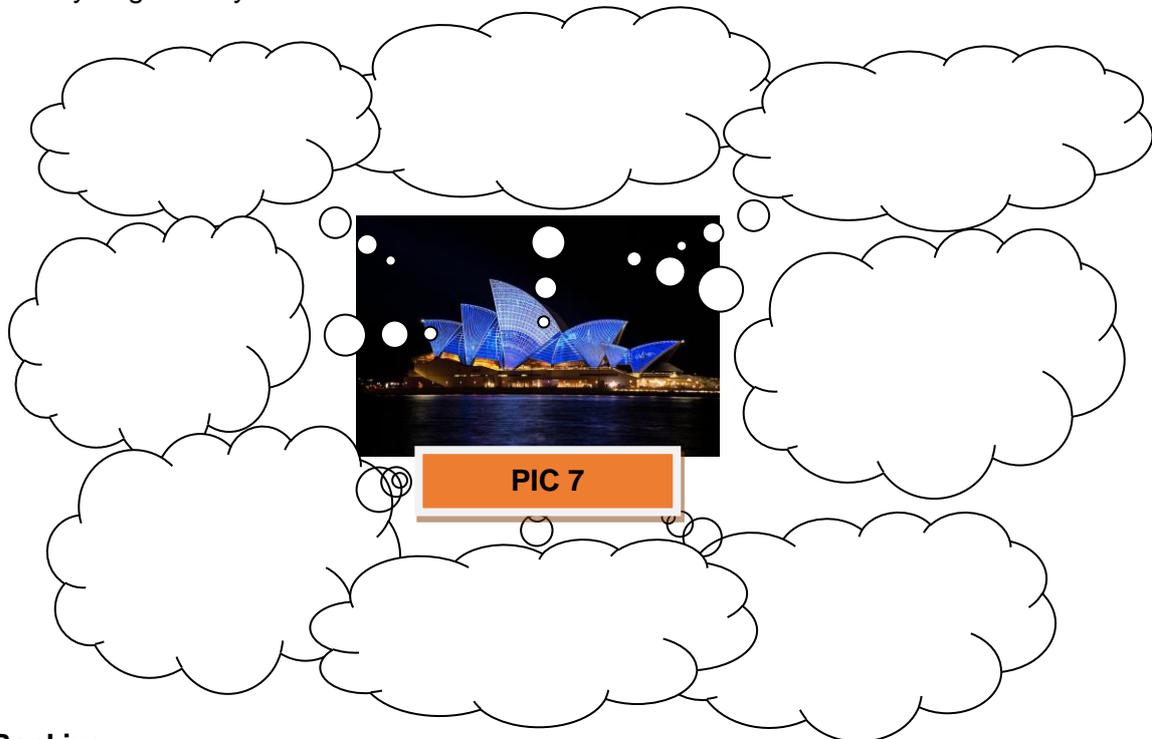
b) Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your partner and then in class. Give reasons and explanations for your responses.

- Are you interested in Australia?
- Would you like to travel there, or have you already been there?
- Have you ever heard of the sights or places in task 1a)?
- What were your first impressions when you read these names?

c) Read the question below and create a mind map of your thoughts. Discuss your ideas in class. Create a ranking with the top-5 answers mentioned by the class.

What do you generally know about Australia?



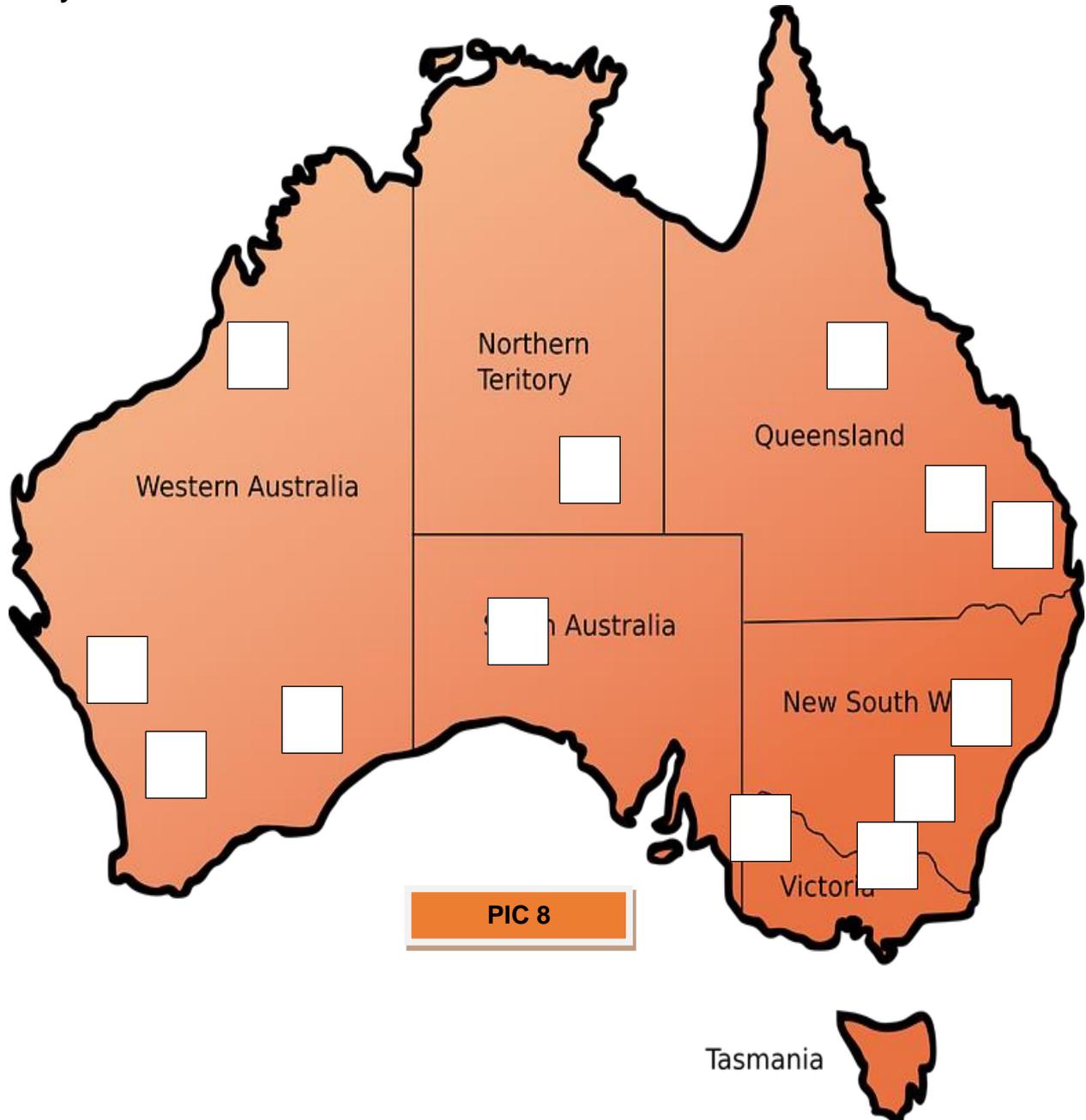
d) Ranking

What are the top-5 places you would like to visit in Australia? Write them in the box below. Compare them with your partner’s and then discuss them. What are the top-5 places in class?

| MY AUSTRALIA RANKING | |
|----------------------|-------|
| 1. | _____ |
| 2. | _____ |
| 3. | _____ |
| 4. | _____ |
| 5. | _____ |

e) Mapping

Read the names of places in Australia in the box below. Then, go online and find out where they are located. Write the letters into the boxes. Watch out! There are more boxes than you need.



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h) Pro-/con-discussion

Read the statement below. List four pros and four cons and discuss them with your partner and then in class.

Having special sights or huge sculptures in a small town is a waste of money.

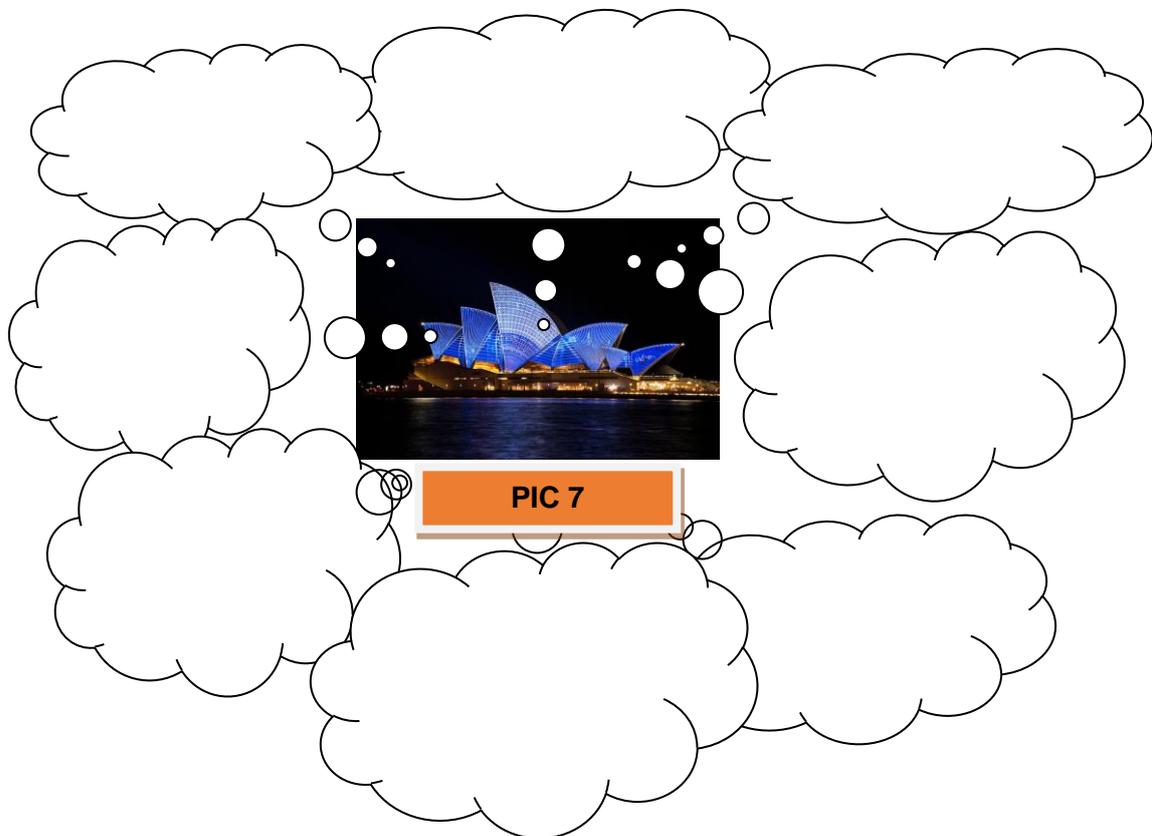
+++ PROS +++

--- CONS ---

i) Mind map

Read the question below and create a mind map of your thoughts. Discuss your ideas in class. Create a ranking with the top-5 answers mentioned by the class.

What positive effects can special sights or huge sculptures have on rather small towns?

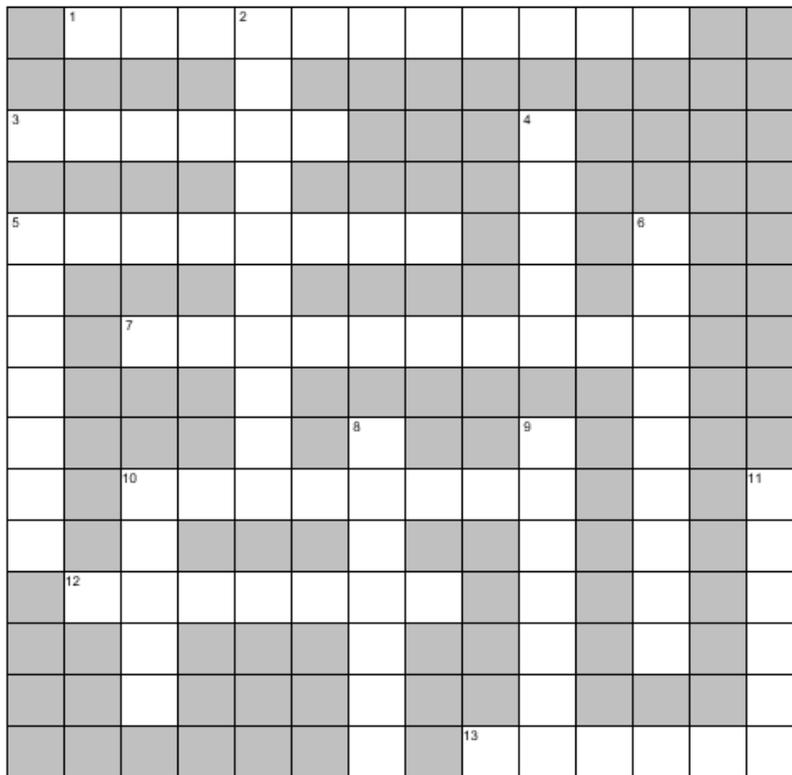




VOCABULARY

TASK 1: Crossword puzzle

Read the definitions below and write the corresponding words in the grid.



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| Across: | | Down: | |
|---------|--|-------|---|
| 1 | a situation in which people or organizations compete with each other for something that not everyone can have | 2 | a large area of land, especially in a hot country, where crops such as coffee, sugar, rubber, etc. are grown |
| 3 | a person who has done something illegal and is hiding to avoid being caught; a person who is not protected by the law | 4 | a strong hard metal that is made of a mixture of iron and carbon |
| 5 | a living thing, real or imaginary, that can move around, such as an animal | 5 | the most important town or city of a country, usually where the central government operates from |
| 7 | a type of large melon with hard, dark green skin, red flesh and black seeds | 6 | a large tropical fruit with thick rough skin, sweet yellow flesh with a lot of juice and stiff leaves on top |
| 10 | building material that is made by mixing together cement, sand, small stones and water | 8 | a wide road, where traffic can travel fast for long distances |
| 12 | a sea creature with a hard shell, a long body divided into sections, eight legs and two large claws (= curved and pointed arms for catching and holding things). | 9 | a thing that is used for transporting people or goods from one place to another, such as a car or lorry/truck |
| 13 | a nut that grows underground in a thin shell | 10 | a large number of people gathered together in a public place, for example in the streets or at a sports game |
| | | 11 | a thing that can be seen and touched, but is not alive |



LISTENING COMPREHENSION

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TASK 1:

Listen to the text and answer the questions. You can use two to six words for your answers.

a) What is the town of Chinchilla famous for?

b) What did the travel company Wotif do for the winning town?

c) What is the huge lobster in Kingston SE made out of?

d) Why is the huge watermelon important for Chinchilla?

e) Where exactly can you find the Big Banana in Coffs Harbour?

f) What is the town Kingaroy famous for?

TASK 2:

Listen to the text and decide whether the statements are true (T) or false (F).

| | | T | F |
|----|--|---|---|
| a) | You can see a whole watermelon in Chinchilla. | | |
| b) | The watermelon weighs four tonnes. | | |
| c) | The big objects are there to attract visitors. | | |
| d) | Ned Kelly was killed in 1880. | | |
| e) | The oldest Big Thing is Big Banana in Coffs Harbour. | | |
| f) | Ploddy the diplodocus is a huge dinosaur near a freeway. | | |
| g) | Kingaroy has already got a gigantic peanut. | | |



READING COMPREHENSION

click: [key](#)

TASK 1:

Some sentences have been removed from the text. Bring them back into their original position.

A watermelon, a lobster and an outlaw – Australia’s Big Things

By Moya Irvine

The little town of Chinchilla in Queensland has become the proud owner of a giant watermelon slice. The huge fruit joins a long list of “Big Things” in Australia that have been installed by towns and regions. Chinchilla got its enormous watermelon after winning a competition organised by the travel company Wotif. [A] In November 2018, just five weeks after the competition, a big crowd watched as the four-tonne melon, made of fibreglass, was unveiled in Chinchilla. Australia is full of giant fruits and other big objects that have been put up to attract visitors. Kingston SE, South Australia, for example, has a gigantic lobster. The bright orange creature is made of steel and fibreglass and measures 17m. It has been attracting tourists since 1979, although it looks so horrible that it might also have frightened some tourists away! [B] Glenrowan in Victoria, for instance, has a huge statue of Ned Kelly, the famous leader of a gang of outlaws. He was captured there in 1880, and three of his gang members were killed. The watermelon is important to Chinchilla because the town is the centre of the watermelon industry. In fact, it calls itself the “Melon capital of Australia” and even holds a melon festival every two years. [C] The 16m fruit is in Woombye at the Big Pineapple plantation, which opened in 1971. One of the oldest Big Things is another fruit, the Big Banana in Coffs Harbour, New South Wales. [D] The oldest Big Thing of all, however, is something you won’t see in real life in Australia: a dinosaur. Ploddy the diplodocus was created in concrete in 1963 and originally stood in front of the Australian Reptile Park in Gosford, New South Wales. When the reptile park moved, Ploddy did too and now stands on a hill next to the Sydney-Newcastle freeway where it is seen by 40 million vehicles a year, according to the dinosaur’s owners. The next Big Thing will probably be a giant peanut. The town of Kingaroy, very near Chinchilla, is the centre of Australia’s peanut industry and was the first place in the country where the nuts were grown. [E] Kristy Board from the group Kingaroy Needs a Big Peanut told the Guardian newspaper: “For over 50 years, people have tried to get a big peanut without any success. We are the peanut capital of Australia and we don’t have a big peanut!”

| | |
|--|--|
| The Big Things often have something to do with the region or town where they are located. | |
| It was completed in 1964 and is part of a theme park set inside a banana plantation. | |
| The town already has a place for the peanut and a design. | |
| Towns were asked to suggest a new Big Thing for Australia and the company paid for the winning object. | |
| In Queensland you will also find a giant pineapple. | |



TASK 2:

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The text has been mixed up. Bring the parts into their correct order.

A watermelon, a lobster and an outlaw – Australia’s Big Things

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TASK 3: Guided writing

Write an article for your school newspaper about special sights and places in Australia. Include the following aspects:

- Describe two huge sculptures
- Positive effects these sculptures have on a small town
- Describe two other special, unusual sights or places
- Your two personal favourite sculptures or places in Australia

Write about 200 words.

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TOURISM

Besides its natural attractions, the country has a long list of man-made wonders.

By Moya Irvine

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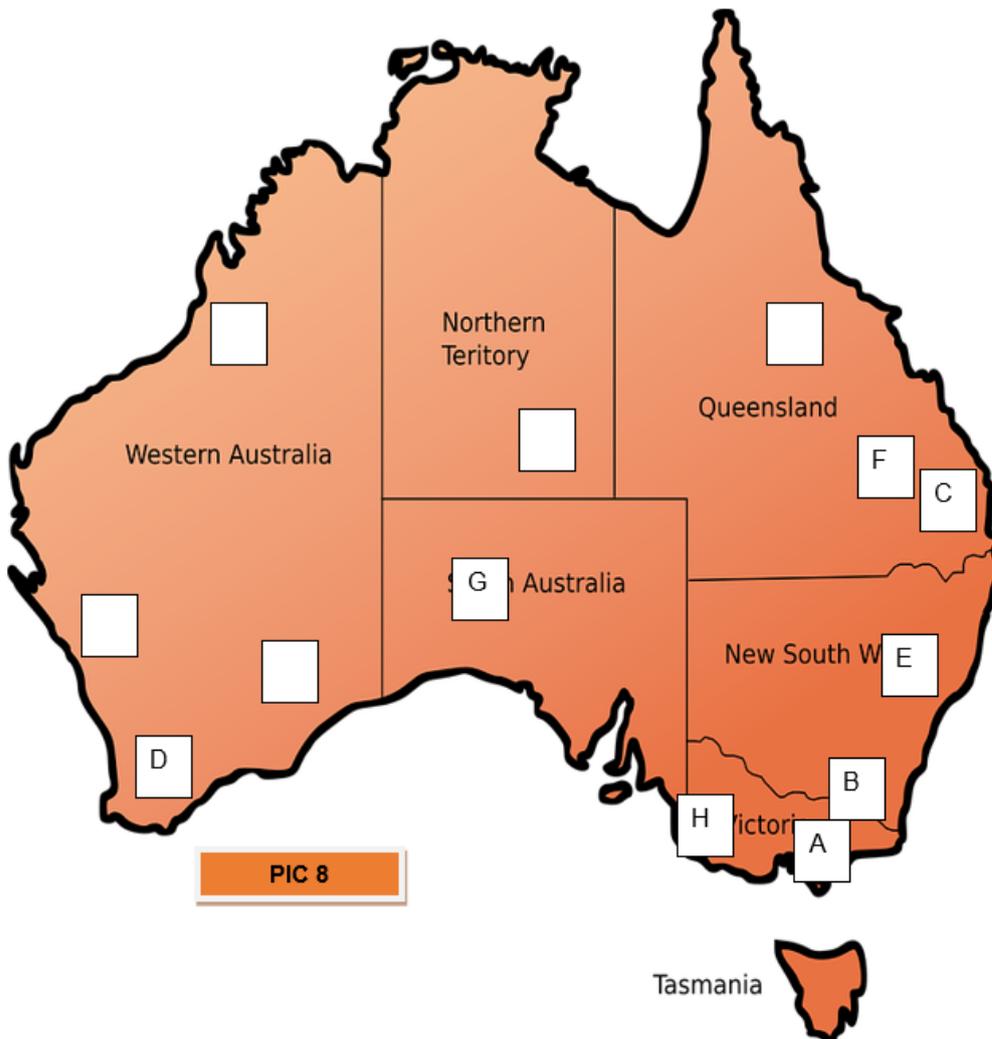
PRE-LISTENING

PRE-LISTENING:

TASK 1a:

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VOCABULARY

TASK 1:

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LISTENING COMPREHENSION

TASK 1:

- a) a giant watermelon slice
- b) pay for the winning object
- c) steel and fibreglass
- d) centre of the watermelon industry
- e) part of a theme park
- f) centre of Australia’s peanut industry / first place where the nuts were grown.

TASK 2:

- a) F b) T c) T d) F e) F f) T g) F



READING COMPREHENSION

TASK 1:

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| In Queensland you will also find a giant pineapple. | C |

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