

Listening to a document : « Frenchy Radio »

1) Listen to the document and complete the grid :

Names	Town / State	Other information	He / she has never...
NEIL			
SEAN			
ELLEN			
CRAIG			
LULING			

2) Read the text while* (=pendant que) you listen again to the document and check your answers. Find the English translation in the text for ...

Restez branchés ! =

Est-il vrai (que)... =

Bien sûr que non =

C'est dingue =

N'importe quoi =

Frenchy Radio audio script

Marie Desfontaines : Good morning Australia ; this is Frenchy Radio on 108.3. I am Marie Desfontaines and I'm speaking to you from Canberra on this lovely autumn morning. In our programme today we're talking about what French people think of Australia. Are you ready for a few surprises? Then, stay tuned!

Good morning everyone and welcome to « Hello from Australia ».

Teenagers: Good morning.

Marie Desfontaines : So... many French people think there are koalas and kangaroos absolutely everywhere in Australia. Neil, is that true?

Neil : No, of course not !... I live in Darwin and I must say I've never seen a koala round here. In our region there are more snakes, spiders and crocodiles than koalas.

Marie Desfontaines: Do you agree, Sean?

Sean : Yeah...And...about kangaroos... of course, there are kangaroos everywhere in Australia, but some are big, some are really small, some are red, some are grey, There are lots of different species ! Around Perth, in Western Australia, where I live, they're small and grey ...

Marie Desfontaines: And what about sharks? They say it is very dangerous to swim in the ocean because sharks will eat you up.

Sean : Come on, that's crazy !

Marie Desfontaines : Ellen, have you ever had any problems with sharks ?

Ellen: Well... No! I live in Mackay, Queensland, that's North of Brisbane. I go surfing almost everyday after school and.. I've never seen a shark, in the sea I mean...

Marie Desfontaines: Oh, and is it true that all Australians are good surfers ? Craig?

Craig: Are you kidding ? I live in Alice Spring, Northern Territory . It's right in the middle of the desert. I've never been to the sea so I'm not exactly a surf champion!!!

Marie Desfontaines : Now, French people think the weather in Australia is always sunny and warm and that you can go to the beach all year round, Luling ?

Luling : Nonsense ! I live in Launceston, that's on the north coast of Tasmania .Let me tell you I've never been swimming in the sea in winter. It's way too cold!

Marie Desfontaines : Because Tasmania is in the South ! ... Now, talking about sport... Australia's Rugby Team, the Wallabies, are very famous. So rugby must be Australia's national sport, right? Sean?

Sean: Well, personally I have never been a rugby fan. I prefer Aussie rules football, that's typically Australian and very popular. But Australian people love soccer, too, and cricket and golf... and I'm sure you have seen our swimming champions in the Olympics. So, no, I wouldn't say that rugby is our national sport...

Marie Desfontaines: Well, so much for our ideas about Australia! Thank you all for telling us about the real Australia.

Teenagers: No worries!

Marie Desfontaines : That's the end of our programme. Tune in again next Sunday!