

## Problems in English

homophones	synonyms	homonyms	homographs
sum - some know - no there - their right - write	big/large/tall/great ground/floor/bottom	bank - bank lie(n) - lie(v)	desert(n) - desert(v)

## Alone abroad

Find out about:

1. Lena's difficulties in the beginning
2. things that were new to her
3. things Lena likes about school life
4. how Lena gets on with the people
5. Lena's feelings about her year in Melbourne

1)

- she didn't understand the people
- they started laughing and she didn't know why

2)

- school uniforms
- fewer subjects
- school's swipe cards
- Australians are more easy-going

3)

- only seven subjects
- students can choose what they do
- out-of-uniform days

4)

- people: less serious
- she now understands nearly everything

5)

- she's more self-confident

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### Working with the text

b)

- after five months she could speak English nearly perfectly
- English is the world language so it's important to learn it
- at the beginning it's difficult to understand
- it's hard to understand their sense of humour
- they speak faster
- their English is different from our English we speak at school
- there are many dialects
- you've got scruples to talk to people from other countries in another language in the beginning

### Exercise 2

a)

1. -
2. The school uniform she had to wear was blue and red
3. At school there were many nice kids whose families came from Asia
4. Lena's host family had an old school bus they used for camping
5. Mark, who came round every weekend, was an old friend of the family

### Exercise 3

a)

1. outback
2. campus
3. bushwalk
4. outskirts
5. assignment
6. swipe card

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### Page 10 Exercise 1

a)

1. It can show that English is clearly asking for trouble because “fly” means either an insect, a way of travelling or an important part of man’s clothes.
2. There are English messages on products from countries where English isn’t the main language because English had become one of the world’s greatest industries.