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Dear Sally,

I want to write you about something very interesting I have been learning about at school. We are both the same age but where we live are extremely different!

I live in England, which is part of the United Kingdom. The United Kingdom is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean which stretches all the way from Europe to America. It is the second largest ocean and without the warm water travelling from the Caribbean to the UK, the UK would be lot colder! Australia on the other hand is surrounded by both the Pacific Ocean and the Indian Ocean. Interestingly Australia is its own continent and this sometimes called Oceania.

It is very cold and rainy right now where I live because it is our winter time. Funnily enough though, it is your summer and I imagine it is very hot in Sydney right now! We get all sorts on weather in Sevenoaks, rain, wind, snow and also sun. It can get quite warm in the summer with temperatures at 30 degrees but right now in the winter it is only 1 or 2 degrees. Australia is such a big country that the weather can vary but it is its hottest in the north. In Sydney it doesn't get as hot as the north of Australia and in fact your summers are quite like ours! However you are lucky because it doesn't get as cold in the winter.

Where I live in England, has some very interesting physical features. England is part of an island so has lots of beaches and cliffs. England also has lots of rivers. Where I live, in Sevenoaks, there is the river Darent. England is also full of hills and even has some mountains, you have to drive up a big hill called River Hill to get to my town. England is a very green country and is also full of woods and forests. Australia also has beaches and they are particularly beautiful along the gold coast. Australia also has the Great Barrier Reef which is located on the Northern coast of Australia. Australia has national parks and even deserts! Where you live in Sydney there is a very famous beach called Bondi beach which is popular for surfers.

Australia has some world famous human features and many of them are in Sydney. Sydney is home to the Sydney Harbour Bridge, the Sydney Opera House and the Botanical Gardens. Australia has many other famous cities like Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth.

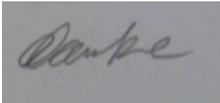
We have many cities in England too including Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham and of course London. Sevenoaks is very close to London and you can get there in 20 minutes on the train. Sevenoaks has lots of schools and a famous house called Knole House in Knole Park. This is owned by the National Trust.

As you can see there are many similarities and differences to where we both live. We are both lucky enough to have warm summers, beaches to visit and many famous landmarks. In England however we have freezing winters and our beaches are not as tropical. You are very lucky to have the Great Barrier Reef where as we have miles of forests, woods and fields to explore.

I hope you have enjoyed learning about our different areas, it has been wonderful to share my knowledge with you. It would be lovely to hear back from you with anything else you know about our two countries.

I look forward to hearing from you,

From Ann



P.S – I hope you are enjoying your lovely summer weather!

