

Unit 3

1 Look at the text below. What is it?

- a a postcard
- b a letter
- c a blog

2 Look and read. Where does Kai go to school?



Dear Kai,

Thanks for your message. It was interesting to hear about your new school in Tokyo. It sounds fun. I go to an unusual school. Well, I haven't really ever been to school. School comes to me!

I live on a farm in the centre of Australia. It's very remote here and the nearest school is 300 km away in a town called Alice Springs. There aren't enough children where I live for a school, so I use the 'school of the air' learning programme and I have my lessons at home.

The 'school of the air' started about 60 years ago, and children did their work via radio communication and then sent it to the nearest school using the air post service. Nowadays, it's much easier with the Internet. I can send my

work to my teacher at the click of a button.

Every school day, I sit at my computer and a teacher from the school in Alice Springs teaches me over the Internet. Today I've had Maths and Science lessons. In the afternoons, I do the work the teacher gives me. Then I send it back to the teacher by email.

Twice a year, I go to the school in Alice Springs for a week to have lessons in the classroom. That's fun because I get to meet the other pupils, then. Have you ever had lessons at home?

Write again soon.

Love from
Jake

3 Read and choose the best answer.

1 Jake can't go to school because ...

- a there isn't a teacher
- b he lives too far away
- c he works on a farm

2 The 'school of the air' is ...

- a a learning programme
- b an Australian school for pilots
- c an air post service

3 Jake has school lessons using ...

- a radio communication
- b the air post service
- c the Internet

4 Jake's teacher ... a gives him lessons every school day

- b visits him every school day
- c helps him in the afternoons

5 For two weeks every year, Jake goes ... a on holiday to Alice Springs

- b to school in Alice Springs
- c to an international school in Tokyo

4 Read, think and discuss.



- 1 Why do you think there aren't schools in some very remote parts of the world?
- 2 Would you like to have your school lessons at home? Why/Why not?