

## 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?