



## Visiting Australia: Improving your IELTS response

**Read the example and think about how to improve it.**

I will tell you about the imagine of Australia. I have two imagine of Australia.

First, I think there are a lot of koala in Australia. Australia is one of famous countries where there are a lot of animals. I know why there are a lot of animal in Australia, because Australia's geography is very characteristic. The country is surrounded by sea, so most of animals don't have to worry about their enemy. They can live in the place where they want to live. And, there are a lot of environment, for example a big desert and rain forest. Especially, a big desert which is called "Outback" is one of famous deserts around the world and a big rainforest was famous about a fire broke out at the rainforest last year. The fire has already been put out. But a lot of animal died.

Second, I think that Australian people is so strict the manner of the sound. For example, I should say "Excuse me" when I want to sneeze. I'm afraid whether I can do it. And I shouldn't make noise when I eat noodles. I wanted to slurp noodles when I was a child, so I often practiced slurping noodle and this practice became my customary behavior. I suppose customary behavior can't be changed easily, so I may slurp noodle.

Finally, I want to make the experience which is to go abroad to study English succeed. I think that "When in Poma do as the Romans do", so I want to do like Australian and join in various of activity.

### How can you improve the writing?

Needs to be better organized with ideas on animals / wildlife / examples of animals

A lot of / variety / diversity / wide range of

One of the richest NOUN (*plural*)

To be worried about - to be threatened by

Customary behavior / cultural habits

can't be changed easily – are hard to change

When I think of Australia, I have two very clear images. The first one is the wildlife. Australia has one of the richest varieties of unique animals such as the koala, the kangaroo and the emu. The reason for such diversity is due to Australia's characteristic geography. This huge country is surrounded by sea so most of the animals were not threatened by foreign predators. Furthermore, there is a wide range of environments for them to live in such as the expansive desert, known as the "great outback", and the lush rain forests. Unfortunately, the rainforests were affected by devastating fires which killed a lot of these beautiful animals.

The second image I have when I think of Australia are the people. I believe they might get annoyed by certain sounds we make. For example, when I want to sneeze, I should say "Excuse me" straight afterwards. I'm afraid I might seem impolite if I forget to say this. Also, I shouldn't make any slurping noises when eating noodles. As a child, I often practiced slurping noodles as we believe that this customary behavior can improve the taste and enjoyment of this food. As such habits are hard to change, I may slurp my noodles without thinking and possibly offend others. However, I want to make the most of this experience and make friends, I must, therefore, remember to follow the old saying: "When in Rome, do as the Romans do" and so I need to do like the Australians do so that I can fit in.



### From the above work, try to chunk the speech

Find the pause – Chunking    short /    longer //

CAPITALISE the stressed (important) word

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