

DIAGNOSTIC TEST LISTENING SCRIPT

Tre: Hey there Liz! Did you watch *Natural Predators* last night?

Liz: Hey Tre. No, I missed it. What was it about?

Tre: It was about the deadliest animals in Australia.

Liz: Let me guess, they talked a lot about sharks.

Tre: Not really. They did mention sharks, but the show focused mainly on snakes and other sea animals, like box jellyfish and octopus.

Liz: Octopus are deadly?

Tre: Yea, this one called the blue-ringed octopus is very, very dangerous. It has enough venom—you know, the harmful chemicals in it's body—to kill over 20 people!

Liz: What?!? That's unbelievable.

Tre: Apparently, it's true. When you go to Australia next month, you'd better not go swimming in the same places as the blue-ringed octopus.

Liz: I don't plan on swimming where the octopus are. I'll also have to avoid getting attacked by sharks and jellyfish, too, huh?

Tre: Indeed. So, how are plans for your trip coming along?

Liz: Pretty good. I booked my hotel for Sydney this past weekend.

Tre: Hotel room? I thought that you had a friend in Sydney to stay with.

Liz: No, Christine lives in Brisbane. I'm going to fly to Sydney, stay there for a few nights, and then head up to Brisbane to meet my friend.

Tre: Oh nice. Are you going anywhere else?

Liz: Well, we're definitely going to visit Airlie Beach. And since it'll be October, there won't be any box jellyfish there to hurt us.

Tre: Ha! Good thing. I hope to get to Australia someday. Its beaches are probably better than the ones I go to in New Jersey.

Liz: I'm sure they are. You know, my friend has a big apartment in Brisbane. And the flights to Australia are cheaper in October than anytime of year. Why don't you come with us?

Tre: That would be awesome, but my boss is definitely not going to give me vacation time to go. But I guess I could ask anyway.

Liz: Do it. You only live once.