

PLEASE READ THIS EXAMPLE ESSAY CAREFULLY. Notice the 4 body paragraphs and intro and conclusion paragraphs. Note the topic and conclusion sentences, the details, and sentence starters.

PROMPT: Use information from both "Life in Australia" and "Facts about Australia" to explain why someone from another country might want to move to Australia.

When I was a little girl of about four, I remember getting upset with my family and saying, "I'm going to move to Australia by myself!" Back then, I had no idea what Australia was really like; I just knew it was far away. Now that I am older, I still think moving "Down Under" could be a smart idea. There are many reasons that Australia is a wonderful place to live.

Based on what I read, I know that Australia is an unusual island with unique geography and climate. **In the article "Life in Australia," I learned that** Australia is called "Down Under" because of its location below the equator. Australia is so massive, it is the sixth largest country in the world and the only country that is also a continent. **In fact,** Australia is a whopping three million square miles! From reading the article "Facts about Australia," I learned that Australia has many different climates depending on the geography. **For example,** Australia has rain forests, grasslands, mountain ranges, and deserts, each with a different climate. These are just some of the reasons you may want to consider moving to Australia.

In addition to having interesting geography and climate, Australia is home to fascinating wildlife. **According to the article "Life in Australia,"** Australia has many animals that can't be found anywhere else in the world, including kangaroos, platypus, and koalas. These animals are called "marsupials" and carry their babies in a pouch in their bellies. **In the article, the author states** that marsupial babies, called "joeys," are often the size of a jelly bean at birth. **Based on my reading, I also know that** this country is home to many birds including the kookaburra and the emu. Australia's largest native bird is the emu, which is almost as enormous as an ostrich. **Unlike the emu, the** kookaburra is a type of kingfisher that sounds like a person laughing. **Obviously,** there is much amazing wildlife in Australia.

A third reason Australia would be an exceptional place to live is it is one of the wealthiest countries in the world with excellent healthcare and schools. **Because Australia is a wealthy country, it** enjoys economic freedom, civil liberties, and first-rate healthcare. **From the reading, I learned that** schools in Australia are called "stations." **In addition to** normal public and private schools, there are also online schools known as "schools of the air" where teachers give lessons over the Internet and students only meet their classmates for one week once a year. Students in these schools only study for five hours a day, but have to be able to study independently. So, another reason someone from another country might choose to move to Australia is for money, healthcare, or education.

Lastly, a reason to move to Australia is that it has fun sports and games. **For instance,** Australians often enjoy games such as cricket, soccer, or rugby. Doesn't it sound exciting to have team sports such as these? **Also, according to the author of "Life in Australia,"** another sport that Australia is known for is called "Aussie Rules Football," which is kind of a cross between American football and soccer. In this game, there are eighteen payers on the field and the object is to kick the football between the goalposts. It sounds like Australians have lots of fun!

As you can see, moving to Australia could be a fabulous idea for people from other countries. **Because of** Australia's sports, games, schools, climate, geography, wildlife, and economic welfare, it is one of the best places in the world to call "home." So, don't waste any more time! Move to Australia today!