

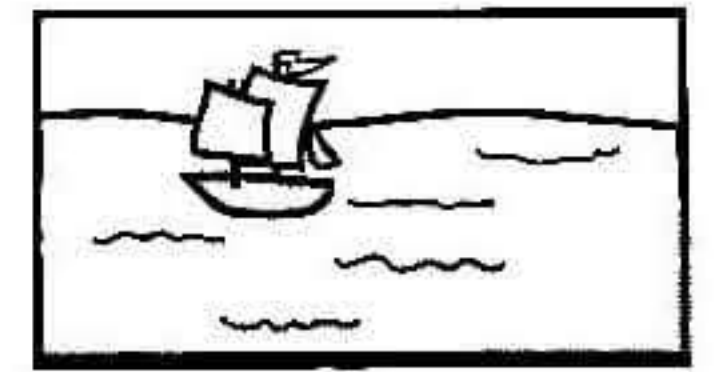
The Land Down Under (cont.)

ACTIVITY 117 Character Analysis

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Australia was originally named New Holland, but the name was changed by an English naval officer, Mathew Flinders. He explored Botany Bay, where Sydney is now located, and sailed around Tasmania. In 1801 he was put in charge of an expedition that sailed all the way around Australia, proving that it was a continent. He suggested the name Australia from the Latin word *australis*, which means “southern.” He was only forty when he died, but he had been to more places in his short lifetime than most people ever go.



1. List four character traits you think Flinders might have had. _____

2. If you had lived in 1801, would you like to have sailed with Flinders? _____
Why or why not? _____

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Read the following paragraph, and then fill in the blanks on the time line below.

Australia's Outback has very few people living in it. Ranches, called “stations” in Australia, are sometimes hundreds of miles apart. Since 1951, children in these remote places have been able to attend Schools of the Air. Schools of the Air are a branch of the Flying Doctor Service. Stations in the Outback have shortwave radios to keep in contact with each other and to signal for help. Station children use radios, telephones, and the Internet to take lessons from a teacher at a central base. The students form clubs, learn to play musical instruments, and talk to other students in their class, as well as working on lessons.



1. What are ranches called in Australia? _____
2. When did Schools of the Air begin? _____
3. Of what service are they a part? _____
4. Name three things Schools of the Air students do via radio.

5. Why are Schools of the Air necessary? _____
