

Survival in the Outback

Katoomba District Police Report

Subject: Missing Person
 Date: 15 July 2009
 Name: Jamie Neale
 Age: 19
 Nationality: British
 Status: Found alive

June 22: Jamie Neale arrived in Australia from London on a trekking trip.

July 3: A local shopkeeper saw Neale leave his hostel in Katoomba at 9.40 am to go for a walk in the Blue Mountains.

July 4: The hostel manager raised the alarm when Jamie Neale didn't return for dinner.

July 6: Police checked his room in the hostel and found his passport, mobile phone and wallet still there.

July 8: Neale's father flew to Sydney to help police **rescue teams**. Bad weather **delayed** the helicopter search.

July 10: Police confirmed that Neale's bank account and email were not being used.

July 14: Neale's father made a **shrine** to his son in the **Outback** and prepared to return to Britain.

July 15: Two trekkers found Jamie Neale in a poor condition on the Narrow Neck **trail**, near Katoomba. They took him to hospital, immediately.

On July 15th 2009, Jamie Neale was found by two trekkers in the Blue Mountains of Katoomba, New South Wales after spending 12 nights on the mountain with no food or water. He was suffering from **exhaustion** and **dehydration** but, incredibly, he was alive! This is his story ...

exhaustion = esaurimento
dehydration = disidratazione
rescue teams = squadre di soccorso
delayed = ha ritardato
shrine = lapide
Outback = natura selvaggia (dell'entroterra australiano)
trail = pista, sentiero

glossary



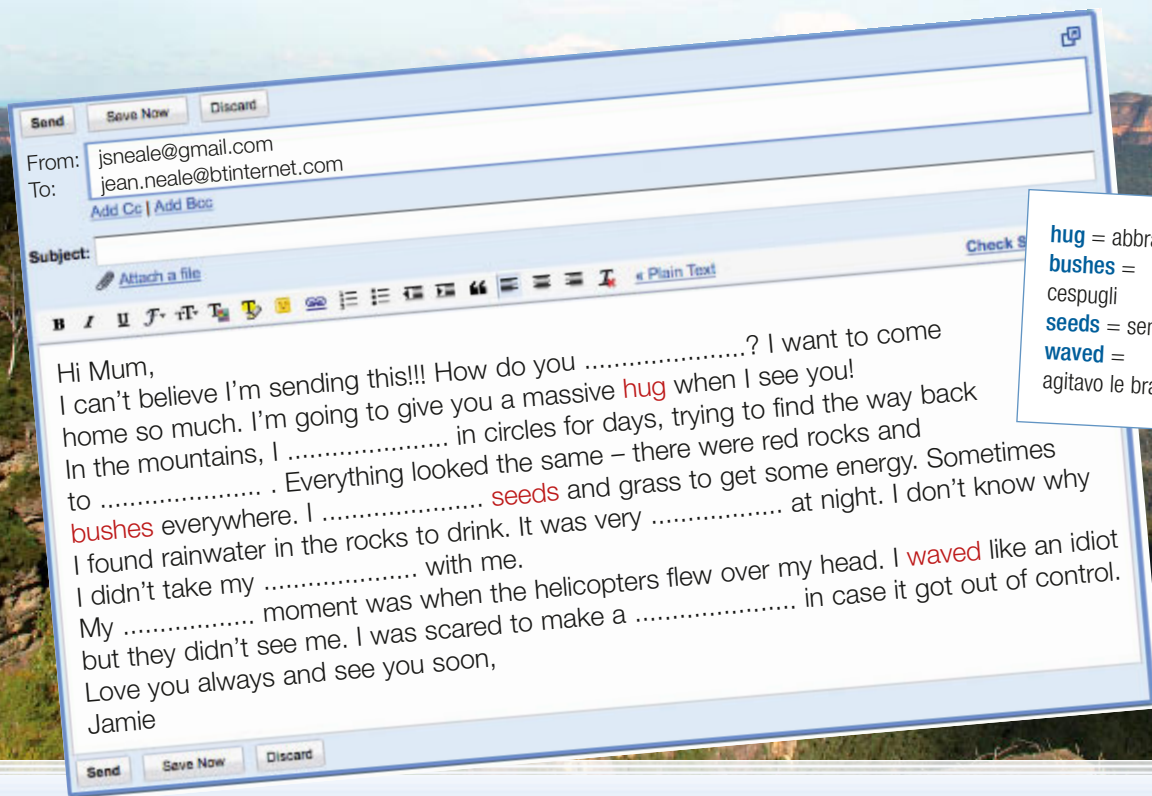
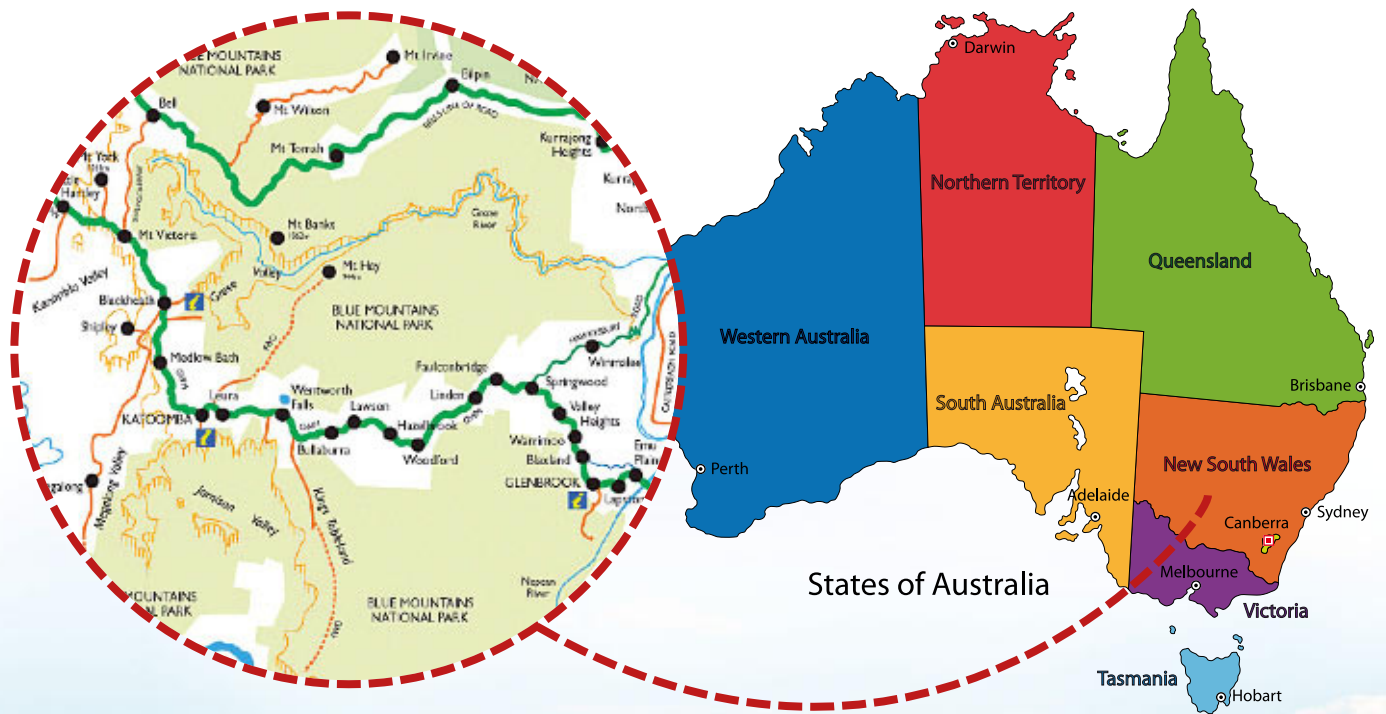
1 Read about the events and answer the following questions.

- 1 Was Jamie Neale visiting New Zealand?
- 2 Why did the hostel manager raise the alarm?
- 3 How did the police know Jamie was lost?
- 4 Who came to Sydney to help with the search?
- 5 What did Jamie's father do in the Outback?
- 6 Where did the trekkers find Jamie?

2 Listen to the survival guide "Surviving the Outback" and complete it with these words.

drinking - group - map - where - move - make - weather - help - out - risk

- 1 Tell someone you are going. Give them phone numbers and coordinates.
- 2 Check local conditions. Don't travel in bad weather.
- 3 Travel in a If someone gets hurt, two people can go for help.
- 4 Don't if you have an accident or get lost.
- 5 Signal for Light a signal fire and lots of noise.
- 6 Ration your water. Water is essential for your survival.
- 7 Stay of the sun. Don't dehydration.



glossary

hug = abbraccio
bushes = cespugli
seeds = semi
waved = agitavo le braccia

3 Read the email Jamie Neale sent to his mother and complete it with these words.
 mobile - worst - cold - walked - civilisation - fire - ate - feel

4 Write the Italian equivalents of these words.

1 hostel =
 2 alarm =
 3 passport =
 4 helicopter =

5 bank account =
 6 map coordinates =
 7 signal =
 8 water ration =

5 Work in pairs. Student A is one of the trekkers who found Jamie, student B is a journalist. Write questions and answers to make an interview for a local newspaper. Act out your interview for the rest of the class.