

# A FARM IN THE OUTBACK



## WORKSHEET 2A – VIDEO WORKSHEET

A good way to learn about Australia is to see it on video. The video shows a lot of information about a particular part of Australia, and the life of one family there. Look carefully at the video, and answer these questions.

### The farm at Dulkaninna on the Birdsville Track



- 1 How long is the 'Birdsville Track'? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 How big is Dulkaninna Station [Farm]?  
A — 20 sq km    B — 200 sq km    C — 2000 sq km
- 3 How many cattle are there on the station? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 How many cattle are there to the square kilometre? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Why is the rangeland so good for cattle?  
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- 6 Which world markets will these cattle be sold to?  
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- 7 Name three ways in which it is different to farms in the Arabian Gulf countries.  
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### How farms in outback Australia use arterial water

- 8 How much rain is there on average per year?  
A — 130 mm    B — 1300 mm    C — 13000 mm
- 9 Where does the water for the cattle station come from?  
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- 10 How many bores are there on the property?  
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- 11 Why are bores a good thing for the property to have?  
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- 12 How does the water go from the bores to the water troughs?  
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## WORKSHEET 2B – VIDEO WORKSHEET

13 List three different ways this water is used on the cattle station.

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### How families on an outback farm live

14 How does the family overcome the problems of being so far from places to buy food?

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15 Where does Shannon have her school lessons?

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16 Why does she not go to a normal school?

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17 List three different jobs that Shannon does around the cattle station.

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18 What does the Royal Flying Doctor Service do?

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19 Why is it needed in this area?

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20 Name five different types of modern technology this family uses to overcome the problems of isolation and distance.

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### How people are trying to care for the land - 'ecological sustainability'.

21 How is the family caring for the environment to make sure the cattle station is still a good farm in the future? Give one example for each of these aspects:

- protecting the soil \_\_\_\_\_
- conserving water \_\_\_\_\_
- maintaining the natural ecosystem \_\_\_\_\_

### Conclusion

22 What makes Dulkaninna a successful and sustainable farm?

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To find out more about Australia look at the following worksheets,  
or look at the CD-ROM component of this kit.