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Le competenze che dovrai aver raggiunto sono del **livello A2 del Quadro Comune Europeo di riferimento della lingua inglese**.

“Australians call the central desert area of their country “the outback”. Alice Springs is a town in the middle of the outback. It is sometimes called Alice or the Alice.

The native Arrernte people have lived near Alice Springs for more than 50,000 years. The town grew in the 1860s. It started as a telegraph station- part of the Overland telegraph line, which connected the North and the South of Australia. Later, explorers came to Alice looking for gold, and early settlers created enormous farms there. In 1920s, Alice became the base for Australia’s famous Royal Flying Doctor service. From Alice, doctors still fly in small planes to visit patients in remote villages and farms in the outback. Tourists come to Alice Springs for many reasons. You can try different adventure sports in the desert, like camping, mountain biking and walking. You can also fly over the desert in a hot air balloon, small plane and helicopter. The early explorers in the outback used camels for transport, and tourists can enjoy camel rides there today. Every year in Alice there is the Camel Cup-a camel race. Racing camels in not easy, and they often go in the wrong direction! Alice Springs is also a centre for Aboriginal art. Aborigianal art is one of the oldest art tradition in the world. The paintings tell stories about the landscape and about the Aboriginal religion. At the Todd Mall in Alice Aprings, you can find lots of art galleries full of modern Aboriginal art. The artists still use traditional techniques, such as painting, with very small dots of colour.

**ANSWER THE QUESTIONS**

1. What is the outback? The outback is the central area of Australia.

2. Where is Alice Springs? Alice Springs is in the middle of the outback.

3. How long have the Arrernte people lived near Alice Springs? The Arrernte people have lived for more than 50000 years.

4. What was Alice Springs at the beginning? At the beginning Alice Springs was a telegraph station.

5. Why did explorer go there? Explorers went there because were looking for gold.

6. What does a flying doctor do? Doctors flying in small planes to visit patients in remote villages in the outback.

7. What did Alice Springs become in the 1920s? In the 1920s Alice became the base for Australia’s famous Royal Flying Doctor service

8. What can tourists do in the desert? Tourists can try different sports in the desert and can fly over the desert in a hot air balloon, small plane and helicopter.

9. What is the Camel Cup? The Camel Cup is a race.

10. Where in Alice Springs can you see Aborigenal Art? In Aboriginal Art we can see paintings that tell stories about the landscape and the Aboriginal religion.

11. What kind of techniques do artists use? Artists use the traditional techniques.

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