

## **Life is Unexpected**

*Sun*



Life is unexpected. It started as a short visit, part of a world trip. I planned to stay a week in Broome, on my way to Darwin. However, I met a guy and never moved to anywhere!

It was four years ago. I'm still in Broome with a baby boy. That short trip became my life.

My new life is harder than I expected. Language was a main issue. I was lonely and powerless. When shopping, working and making friends I always felt excluded.

By accident, I found Read Write Now. That changed my life in good ways. Not only improving language but also opening a door to a new world.

Thanks to RWN I've met good friends - which I thought I was never going to have - sincere ones, like I had before. Now, even I can dream of studying and becoming a teacher.

I appreciate RWN so much and I have now become a tutor! I have even written a book with other residents and students in the Waranyjarri Estate, where we live.

Way to go RWN!!

**Underline** any words you don't know, and discuss them with your tutor.

Notice some of the different ways that opposite words are formed:

un-expected = **not** as expected

power-less = having **less** power (or no power)

ex-cluded = the opposite of **included**

### Check your understanding of Sun's story.

Why did Sun stay in Broome? .....

How long ago did that happen? .....

*True or False?:* Sun now has a baby boy.

*True or False?:* Sun's lack of English made her feel lonely and powerless.

*True or False?:* Read Write Now has helped Sun make friends.

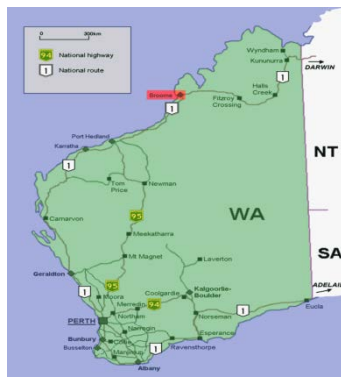
*True or False?:* Sun now dreams of becoming a child care worker.

*True or False?:* Sun has now become a tutor.

### Your Opinion

Is this a happy story? Discuss your opinion with your tutor.

*Broome is in the  
north-west of  
Western Australia*



*Have you been  
to Broome?*

## Verb tenses:

Some of this text is in the **present** tense: Life **is** unexpected.

Some is in the **past** tense: It **started** as a short visit....

What tense is the third sentence of the text?                  Past? or Present?

## Past Tense

I *was* lonely.

She *was* lonely.

He *was* lonely.

It *was* lonely.

We *were* lonely.

You *were* lonely.

They *were* lonely.

There *was* a guy in Broome.

There *were* new friends in Broome.

### Now fill in the spaces

with *was* or *were* :

I ..... happy.

She ..... strong.

He ..... nice.

It ..... unexpected.

We ..... improving.

You ..... reading.

They ..... powerless.

There ..... a change of plan!

There ..... new friends in Broome.

## This is a new version of the text.

**Fill in the spaces** with *was* or *were*.

Sun ..... going on a trip around the world. She ..... on her way to Darwin. Sun ..... in Broome when she met a guy who she liked. Sun ..... happy to meet him. It ..... four years ago. Now Sun is still in Broome, four years later! The two of them ..... very happy to meet. Now they have a baby boy!

## Present Tense

Write these sentences in the **present** tense.

I planned to stay a week. ....

I was lonely .....

Language was a main issue. ....

I always felt excluded. ....

I dreamed of studying. ....

Sun had a baby .....

**Find a word in the original text** which has the same meaning as:

unpredictable ..... any place .....

problem ..... pals, mates .. ..

honest & true ..... learning.....

value..... instructor .....

people who live in a place .....

