

Plumbing Adventure

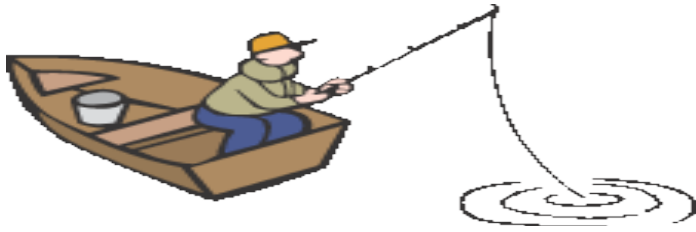
By Travis



I'm a plumber in a plumbing team from Esperance in Western Australia. There is my boss Pete, who is my cousin, my brother Brett, Pete H and two apprentices, Jason and I. I'm Travis, I'm 29 years old and I'm in my second year apprenticeship. A job came up in Caiguna, which is in the Nullarbor and three of us went out there. We were told there's a great fishing spot.

Our job was to connect sewerage to transportable houses. It took us two weeks to finish the job. It was a real tough job, it was windy, dusty and there were lots of flies. On the way home we camped at Cocklebiddy to go fishing. We went out in a dinghy and caught one snapper, four gummy sharks and a carpet shark. The camping spot was pretty good, but during the last night a big wave came and swamped our tents and all our gear got wet. On the way home we were dodging the kangaroos.

I have enjoyed Read Write Now! and I have come a long way in the last 9 months. My tutor has helped me to get my gas ticket and to further my apprenticeship.



Activities

Additional Information for tutor to share with student:

The word 'Nullarbor' means no trees. Null means none. Arbor means trees. So the two words, put together, tell us that the area has no trees.

Fill in the blanks.

This text is about, who is a plumber from Esperance. He works in a team. The team went to a place on the Nullarbor, called Caiguna, to do a job. The job was tough! After that, they camped and went nearby. They went out in a boat and caught some fish. On the last night, a big came and everything got wet.

Fill in the blanks – some are easy, some are a bit tricky!

1. This text is written by who is a plumber.
2. Travis is a plumber from the town of
3. Travis has **completed** year of his apprenticeship.
4. Pete is a relative of Travis. Pete is Travis'
5. Brett is also a relative of Travis. Brett is Travis'
6. How many people are in the plumbing team, altogether?
7. It took them two to finish the job at Caiguna.
8. Altogether, they caught fish near Cocklebidy.

Find the word in the text which fits each description.

Description	Word from text
a person who works with pipes and water	
people doing work training	
the famous tree-less desert plain in Australia	
things which can be moved to different locations	
a type of small boat	
an activity which involves living outdoors	
a word that means 'avoiding'	
things getting very wet!	

Check this version of the text for spelling errors. There are 15 mistakes! Then write the correct spelling, below the mistake.

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Writers choose the words which tell their story the best way.

Think of some other words which could be used, instead of the word on the left. The first two are done for you.

team	group, squad, crew, gang
apprentice	student, trainee, learner, novice
boss	
connect	
finish	
tough	
lots (of)	
"our gear"	

Note: "Our gear" is in speech marks (quotation marks) because it is a slang expression, which is used in the text.

How many words can you make with the letters in the word **'apprenticeship'**? **Minimum 4 letters!** Only use each letter as many times as it appears in the word 'apprenticeship' (so you can use 3 'p's).

4-letter words	5-letter words	6-letter words	7 or more letters