

Week 3

#65 The Outback

Skills/ Objectives: Listening and speaking

PART 1: Before you watch...

Preparatory questions

1. Have you ever been to Outback... Steakhouse Hong Kong?
2. Have you ever been to the Australian Outback?
3. Where exactly is the Outback?
4. From the vocabulary list below, can you find one appropriate word to complete the following sentence?
Many photographs taken of Ernest Hemingway show him carrying a rifle and the _____ he had hunted.

Vocabulary

1. Unique (adjective): unusual; one of a kind
2. Iconic (adjective): characteristic of a famous person or thing
3. Dingoes (noun): wild dogs
4. Shrubs (noun): a large plant with a rounded shape
5. Game (noun): wild animals hunted for food or sport

Answer(s) to the relevant questions above will be provided in the next exercise.

Answers to relevant questions in the preceding set of exercises:

Question 4:

The word is "constitutional." Compare the idea of a constitution to the Basic Law being applied to Hong Kong.

PART 2: Video

This video gives a brief introduction to the Outback.

The Australian Outback: A Documentary (click the link below to watch the video)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z4jf_HL4U

(Source: YouTube)

PART 3: Speaking

The letter “a” (or the /ei/ or /æ/ sound) may be tricky to many Hong Kong speakers (as in *game* or *gam*). Learn how to pronounce it here:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/english/features/pronunciation/diphthongs8>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/english/features/pronunciation/shortvowel7>

PART 4: Learn further

1. Pork ribs, Angus ribeye, mango chicken salad.... Check out the lunch menu at Outback Hong Kong:

<https://www.outback.com.hk/food-menu?lang=en>

Do not forget to order an ice coffee that comes with the set! (Say “ice coffee,” not “cold coffee.”)

2. Welcome to the original Outback Steakhouse!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=huGwq9WV8b8>

“Okay this is what Kevin's gonna get.... I'm gonna get the 10 ounce ribeye.”