

Online Book Club

The Mystery on the Great Barrier Reef

Talk About It!

1. Australians have a very distinct accent. Do you like to listen to people with different accents? If so, why? Do you ever imitate accents?
2. Grant noticed a tattoo on the right arm of the suspicious man in the café. What are some other important things to notice about someone you want to remember?
3. Grant and Christina were awed by the beauty and size of Ayers Rock. Do you like to visit beautiful and interesting natural places? Where is an interesting place you have visited?
4. You have read about many strange and wonderful animals that live in Australia. What is your favorite animal and why? Would you like to have that animal for a pet?
5. Did you think it was a good idea or a bad idea when Christina and Grant took off with the park ranger's children and left a note for Mimi and Papa on two stones in the middle of the trail? Why or why not?
6. Christina says that geography seems alive to her after traveling with Mimi and Papa to many interesting places. Do you like geography? After reading *The Mystery on the Great Barrier Reef*, can you see why geography can be really cool?
7. The children were offered some interesting food in Australia, including kangaroo, octopus, and lychee nuts. Are you willing to try new foods when you visit different places? What do you think octopus tastes like? How about kangaroo?
8. "Crikey!" is an expression of surprise or an enthusiastic response to something. Can you think of some American words that you might use in place of "Crikey!?"
9. Did you think Christina was brave to do what she did at the end of the book? Would you have been willing to do that?
10. Would you like to visit Australia? If so, what would you like to see?

