

**TALLER #6- READING COMPREHENSION-GRADO 9°- EDUARDO OSPINA**

**READING COMPREHENSION:**

**A. Read the text carefully:**

**SCHOOL OF THE AIR**

Australia is an enormous country, but it has a population of only 20 million. Some families live on farms, hundreds of kilometers from a town or city. Children from these families can't travel to school every day, so many of them use a special school: the Australian School of the Air.

There are twelve Schools of the Air in Australia and over 1,000 students use them. Students of the School of the Air haven't got lessons in classrooms with other students. They study at home on their own. The teachers at the School of the Air prepare lessons and send them to the students by post or e-mail. The students have to work on these lessons for five or six hours a day, Monday to Friday. They send their work to the teachers once a week and discuss it by radio or over the internet. They can also borrow books from the school library. The books arrive by post.

Once or twice a year, a teacher visits every student at home. The teacher spends a day with the students, helps them with their work and discusses problems. The teacher often has dinner with the family and stays for a night at the student's house. Teachers and students can also meet at the Sports Carnival. This takes place once a year on playing fields in Alice Springs. Students don't have to go, but it is a great way for them to do sport together and to make friends.



**B. Circle the correct answer:**

**1. Why didn't some students in Australia go to normal schools?**

- a) Because their parents work on farms.
- b) Because they live hundreds of kilometers away from a school.
- c) Because their parents don't like to send their children to school.

**2. How often do the students send their work to the teachers?**

- a) Every day.
- b) Twice a week.
- c) Once a week.

**3. How many students are there in the School of the Air?**

- a) There are 100 students in the School of the Air.
- b) There are 1,000 students in the School of the Air.
- c) There are 11,000 students in the School of the Air.

**4. How do the students discuss their work with a teacher?**

- a) On the phone.
- b) By radio or on the internet.
- c) By e-mail.

**5. When do the teacher and the student meet each other?**

- a) When the student visits the teacher's home.
- b) When the student goes to the school.

When the teacher visits the student's home.