

WEEK 14

9th–12th December

IMPORTANT DATES

Speaking Test: 2nd, 9th & 16th (4ºA)

4th, 11th & 18th (4ºB)

Listening & Writing: 12th Dec.

Reading, Grammar & Vocabulary: 17th Dec.

4º ESO A

Tuesday: Speaking Test

Wednesday: Listening Practice

Friday: Listening & writing test

4º ESO B

Wednesday: Listening & writing test

Thursday: Speaking Test

Friday: Grammar review

Hi! My name is Liam, and I'm a teenager from Australia. Every year (usually) ____ (to celebrate) Christmas in a very different way from other countries. Here, it's summer in December, so right now (at the moment) ____ (to plan) outdoor activities with my family.

Last year ____ (to go) to the beach, and we had a barbecue under the sun. I have always loved Christmas by the ocean because (often) ____ (to feel) relaxed there. Many times, I ____ (to see) dolphins near the shore, and that makes the day even more special.

This week (recently) ____ (to buy) some presents for my cousins, and I ____ (to wrap) them later today. Tomorrow morning, we ____ (to meet) my grandparents for lunch, because it's a family tradition.

Next year (probably) ____ (to celebrate) Christmas at my uncle's house, and I think it will be fun. If the weather ____ (to be) very hot, we will swim in the pool. And if we ____ (to have) more time, we would visit another beach too.

Christmas in Australia is unique, and I love sharing it with others. Right now (these days) ____ (to think) about all the things that make this holiday special.

usually **celebrate**

at the moment **am planning**

in 2023 **went**

often **feel**

have seen

recently **have bought**

am wrapping

are meeting

probably **will celebrate**

is

had

these days **am thinking**



There is a big change online. Australia has banned children under 16 from using many social media sites. New laws say the under-16s cannot open accounts with famous sites like Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, X, and YouTube. It is the responsibility of these companies to make sure their users are aged 16 or above. Australia said it would fine companies if they allowed children to access their sites. The fines are up to \$33 million. The companies said they would use different methods to check the age of their users. New users will have to upload identification and scan their faces.

Australia's Prime Minister said social media is harming young minds. A study showed that 70 per cent of children aged 10-15 who used social media looked at harmful content. This included information about violence, eating disorders, and suicide. He told children to do different things, like starting a new sport or learning to play a musical instrument. He told children to "spend quality time" with family and friends, "face to face". Many children said they would be lonelier without social media. Two 15-year-olds are suing the government for taking away their "right to free communication".

1. What has Australia banned children under 16 from doing online?
2. Which companies are responsible for ensuring users are at least 16 years old?
3. What methods will companies use to check the age of new users?
4. What harmful effects of social media did the Prime Minister mention?
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Answer: Companies will require new users to upload identification and scan their faces.

What harmful effects of social media did the Prime Minister mention?

Answer: He mentioned that social media exposes young people to harmful content such as violence, eating disorders, and suicide.

Why are two 15-year-olds suing the government?

Answer: They are suing because they believe the ban takes away their “right to free communication.”