Unit 4 - Focus on

2. A very unique school: the School of the Air

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Christopher: Hi, I'm Christopher. Five years ago, my parents decided to move to the Outback and let me tell you something: it's the greatest experience we've ever had! But I'm here to tell you about my school... It's the most surprising school I've ever been to! In our community there are few children, so there is no school around. But we go to school: yes, we do! And we have the largest classroom in the world, the School of the Air! We just need a few things - a computer, a webcam and a microphone - to have a conversation from home with our teachers and with our classmates. They can be hundreds of kilometres away! We have few occasions to meet for real. So sometimes the school organises special camps or events where we can all meet up as a class. I think the sports week is the most exciting! The rest of the year is routine: I get up at 6am; I have breakfast, then I look after my dogs. I have class from 8am to 3pm. I have about four lessons a day and I do all my lessons on my computer. Then I have a few hours for myself: I play games, or I chat with my friends, or I help my mum... The normal Aussie life in the Outback... I'm sure it's the most amazing school you've ever heard about!