

Common internal assessment 2025 — Ancillary phase

Stimulus book

Essential English

General instruction

- Work in this book will not be marked.



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Stimulus 1

Context

This is an email from a mother to her parents.



Subject: The kids had a magnificent time!

From: Sue

To: manyhartsfarm@domain.com

Sunday, 13 July 2025



Hi Mum and Dad,

Thanks for having the kids out there. You've certainly given them the entire country living experience, and they absolutely loved the line dancing at the country music festival. ❤️

When I picked them up from the train, they were like bouncing beans, brimming with country energy. And talking a mile a minute about:

- the early morning starts to feed animals
- the warm chicken eggs they collected every day
- your long days, working from sunrise to sunset
- cooking the family's much-loved recipes together.

Jesse has even made your scones — three times!!! Delish!

Even though it was only a short time out there with you — for me, it felt as swift as cracking an egg — they've come back much more aware of the challenges of living on the land. It's as if a blind has been rolled up in their minds. They've *even* talked about how seeing their food squawking and growing around them has made them appreciate the source of their food.

Get this! Taylor had a one-minute shower the other day and then scolded me for showering for two minutes!

Their many stories are now mingling with my own childhood memories, but theirs sound a billion times more entertaining than mine. I bet you made it more fun! 😊

Jesse also thinks Dad is the bee's knees for teaching them to use farming equipment (properly and safely!) AND keeps nagging me about starting up every hobby in the universe that requires tools. 🤔🤔 But I do get it. Dad taught me how to use farm equipment when I was 13, so I could help repair miles of fences. I felt so grown up.

They said that mustering sheep on horseback was another highlight, one of *dozens*! So, I told them about the ewes that regularly escaped and made their way to Mum's vegetable garden, how they chomped everything in sight! You'd come roaring out with a broom to chase them while

Dad hopped on the motorbike and drove them back to the paddock. Those sheep knew what they were doing ... they just waltzed back without a care in the world, despite your yelling and Dad zooming around them.

By the way, please thank Dad for the whip he gave them to practise with! Not! 😞 Taylor has been going out into the backyard for hours on end to practise, flailing both arms around wildly, and occasionally, I'll hear a 'crack' and jump sky high. When done correctly, which is hard, it's a sonic boom. Maybe we'll end up having another ringer in the family.

But seriously, thanks again. Seeing country life through the children's eyes has reminded me of growing up in the country where I could roam far and wide (as long as I had my jobs done before dark!). It was a gift, one I'm still unwrapping.

Let's hope that our family property, built on the tireless efforts of us and our predecessors, will stay in the family for another 100 years.

Anyway, I'm sending them to visit again soon, so you can enjoy the whip cracking as much as I am! 😊

Talk soon!



Stimulus 2

Context

This photo story, hanging on a classroom wall, is part of a student class project.

Country living

Our project

Team success

Rodeo > 5 seconds

Festival

Home

My baby

Our future goals

1 year

- Uni / Tafe
- Win rodeo: crack 5 seconds
- Go to country music festival

5 years

- New car
- Return home

20 years

- Improve eco-friendly farm systems
- Build family legacy

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