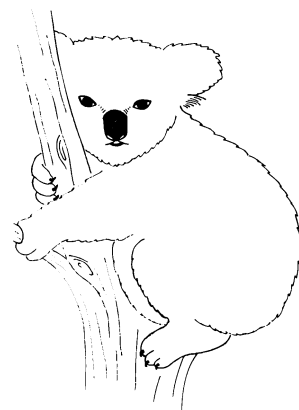


## Observations



- When I ordered salad in a restaurant, it came at the same time as the rest of the meal and was usually served on the same plate. If it were with a sandwich, it was included with the sandwich ingredients as part of the sandwich itself.
- I saw many storefront shops called *Milk Bars*. These are places where you can buy milk shakes and sandwiches and a few other items. They are not as big as a convenience store.
- Houses are often auctioned off rather than people waiting for them to be sold to a buyer through realtors.
- In Australia, *Woolworth's* is a grocery store.
- A *hot bread shop* is similar to a bakery with bread, rolls and some baked desserts for sale.
- *McDonalds*® were located in storefronts in shopping areas. They were generally not found in free standing buildings surrounded by parking lots.
- Australian opals come in many colors: shades of blue, green, purple and deep red. They are absolutely beautiful and much more vibrant than the white opals we see in the US.
- I was told that the monorail to Darling Harbour runs in an *anti-clockwise* direction. Americans say *counter-clockwise*.
- In Darling Harbour one restaurant advertised an "*All American Lunch Special*" which was a hamburger and a piece of apple pie. This cost \$10.00.
- A hotel lobby is called the *reception*.
- The term *liberal* in Australian politics means the same thing as *conservative* means in American politics.
- Australian left-of-center politicians are in the Labour Party.
- The state Premier in Australia is similar to the state Governor in the United States.
- In Australia, the bathroom or ladies room is called simply *the toilet*. At first this phraseology seemed rather vulgar to my American ears. However, it made sense when I realized that the toilet is usually in one room and the bathtub and sink are in another.