

X-Mas Down Under¹

Aussie Jingle Bells

Match the words in the left column with their meaning in the right

Task 1: Aussie Slang

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| 1. thongs | a. Australian sheep dog |
| 2. ute | b. cheap rubber footwear; flip-flops |
| 3. beaut | c. forest in Australia |
| 4. swaggie | d. beautiful |
| 5. kelpie | e. leave, disappear in a hurry |
| 6. singlet | f. swagman: tramp, hobo |
| 7. esky | g. utility truck |
| 8. bush | h. portable cooler |
| 9. scorching | i. car make, similar to the Ford |
| 10. Holden | j. very hot |
| 11. to shoot through | k. a sleeveless cotton undershirt. Real Aussies wear the blue one. |



Task 2: No slang this time!

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| 1. Boot | a. Sleep lightly, to be half asleep |
| 2. Rusty | b. Move quickly to avoid something |
| 3. Pool | c. Swimming pool |
| 4. Washing up | d. Around |
| 5. Dodge | e. Trunk |
| 6. Round | f. Corroded, affected by rust |
| 7. To have a doze | g. Here: picture, photo |
| 8. Snap | h. Rust |
| 9. Dash | i. Washing dishes |



¹ You can listen to the song at http://www.daretosing.com/attachment_view_popup.php?id=57379



Esky



Thongs



Blue singlet



Holden ute



Christmas Tree
in Darling Harbour

Here's the Australian version of Jingle Bells.

After all, it's summer here Down Under when Santa arrives dressed up in his coat!

Dashing through the bush,
in a rusty Holden Ute,
Kicking up the dust,
esky in the boot,
Kelpie by my side,
singing Christmas songs,
It's Summer time and I am in
my singlet, shorts and thongs

Oh! Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way,
Christmas in Australia
on a scorching summers day, Hey!
Jingle bells, jingle bells, Christmas time is beaut!,
Oh what fun it is to ride in a rusty Holden Ute.

Engine's getting hot;
we dodge the kangaroos,
The swaggie climbs aboard,
he is welcome too.
All the family's there,
sitting by the pool,
Christmas Day the Aussie way,
by the barbecue.

Oh! Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way,
Christmas in Australia
on a scorching summers day, Hey!
Jingle bells, jingle bells, Christmas time is beaut!,
Oh what fun it is to ride in a rusty Holden Ute.

Come the afternoon,
Grandpa has a doze,
The kids and Uncle Bruce,
are swimming in their clothes.
The time comes 'round to go,
we take the family snap,
Pack the car and all shoot through,
before the washing up.

Oh! Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way,
Christmas in Australia
on a scorching summers day, Hey!
Jingle bells, jingle bells, Christmas time is beaut!,
Oh what fun it is to ride in a rusty Holden Ute.