

UNIT 5 ANSWERS: Check your punctuation

Ten Pound Poms

Ten Pound Poms was a great government initiative. Eventually it would encourage about one million people to leave Britain and emigrate to Australia during the late 1940s and into the early 1970s for just ten pounds (children were free).

Australia desperately needed a skilled workforce after the Second World War. It was a case of populate or perish! The country was in dire need of experienced workers for Australia's booming industries. Without an influx of skilled labour, Australia's future prosperity was threatened. Within no time at all, once empty suburbs became thriving, fully functioning communities.

What an ingenious decision by the government of the time! First, they set about making Australia look more enticing than any other nation competing for skilled labour: sunshine, lots of room, exotic fruits, foods and wines! Then, they offered incredible incentives to entice these potential workers: no more rationing; a one-class society. How could the British migrants resist such an opportunity? The final outcome is history!

Surely we must all agree that the Ten Pound Poms initiative was undoubtedly one of the greatest initiatives in Australia's economic history.

Self-assessment

My punctuation is:

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