



## Meet the McIntosh family:

**Angus McIntosh:** father; 38 years old; lawyer; works in Melbourne and commutes by train

**Margaret McIntosh:** mother; 36 years old; works part time in a local pharmacy

**Sara McIntosh:** daughter; 13 years old; student at the provincial high school; loves sport, particularly horse riding

**Donald McIntosh:** son; 8 years old; student at the local primary school; loves reading and computer gaming

**Sylvie Donald:** grandmother (Margaret's mother); 75 years old; lives with the family in a granny flat; has arthritis and is not very mobile

## Family circumstances:

- Several years ago, the family moved from the city to a farm on the edge of a small country town, 80 km from Melbourne.
- Grass paddocks surround the house on three sides.
- Their brick veneer house faces north-south and is at the base of a small hill rising on the west side of the house.
- Their driveway winds 200 metres up the hill to the front gate. A single-track dirt road leads 10 kilometres north to the local town and 4 kilometres south to the two-lane bitumen road that connects to the Melbourne freeway, which is another 20 kilometres away.
- The farm has 50 sheep, 3 horses, 2 cats and a dog.
- There is a pine plantation on the north boundary of the McIntosh property, 400 metres from the house.
- There is a large dam near the house.
- The family owns two cars and a farm ute
- There is a shed 40 metres from the house. It contains a large diesel tank that sits against the shed wall.