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This is Australia



Watch the presentation about Australia and write down as many keywords as possible.

Write down everything that comes to your mind about the land down under.



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Travelling through Australia



Plan your trip through Australia in a group of two. Read the hints below and use the map to number your destinations.

- 1) Your trip starts in the capital of Australia. Attention: Neither Sydney nor Melbourne is the capital city of Australia! As the two cities couldn't agree over which one should be the capital, a new city in the middle of those two was built.
- 2) Your second destination will be the home of the Australian Open Tennis Tournament. The best tennis players of the world travel to this city every January.
- 3) After that you want to see the capital city of South Australia. A famous art festival takes place there once every year. A must see if you like art, movies and design!
- 4) Your fourth destination is the only city in the centre of Australia. The perfect start for a trip into the Outback.
- 5) After all that heat you feel ready for a snorkelling trip. You travel to the Great Barrier Reef and look for a hotel in a city starting with the letter "C".
- 6) You had enough of the East Coast and want to see Western Australia. What could be better than travelling to the capital of the state? The city is on Swan River and the coast of the Indian Ocean.
- 7) Now it's time to travel back to Switzerland and leave Australia. There is a time difference of seven hours between the city you're at and Zurich. Your flight leaves at 7 pm and it takes you 23:30 hours to get to Zurich. When will your parents have to pick you up at the airport in Zurich?

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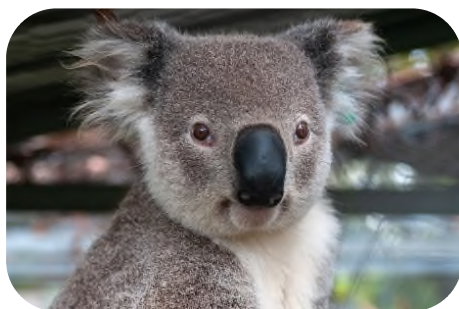


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Australian wildlife - pictures



Do you know these Australian animals? Try to find the correct description for each of them and add their names.
If you don't know the English term you may write down the German name of certain animals.



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Australian wildlife - descriptions

1	I live in Tasmania, an island in the south of mainland Australia. I have black fur and my ears turn red when I get excited or aggressive.	2	I am often mistaken for a wolf, although I am a dog – a wild dog to be more precise. I eat about 170 different species of animals from insects to buffalos.
3	I look like a hedgehog, but I lay eggs. I like to eat ants and termites. That's why some people also call me spiny anteater.	4	My hind legs are large and powerful. I can jump with a speed up to 70 km/h. I carry my kids around in my pouch. Oh yes, I am the national animal of Australia!
5	You may know my relatives who live in lakes and rivers in Switzerland. While they have white feathers, mine are black.	6	My favourite meal are eucalyptus leaves. They have a high water content, so I don't need to drink often. That's why the aborigines call me "no water".
7	Although I am a bird and have wings, I can't fly. But I can run with a speed up to 50 km/h. Quite fast, isn't it? I am between 1.6 and 1.9 metres tall and got three toes on each foot. That makes me the second tallest bird in the world.	8	I am a mammal, but I lay eggs. The spurs on my feet can produce a venom, that can kill small animals. The first Europeans in Australia though that somebody put a duck's head on a beaver when they spotted me for the first time.
9	My very big ears help me dealing with hot temperatures. They radiate the heat and keep me cool. I am also known as the Australian Easter bunny (although I am not a bunny at all).	10	I have big front teeth and powerful claws. I use them to dig tunnel systems but also to bite those who make me angry. I am about 1 metre in length and up to 40 kilograms in weight.

If you want to find out more about animals living in Australia, check out the website below:

Wikipedia.com – Fauna of Australia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fauna_of_Australia

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Aussie slang words



Although people in Australia (Aussies) speak English, they use some terms that nobody else would use.
Can you find out, what these Australian words and phrases mean?

Aussie slang word / phrase	Meaning
A mate	An umbrella
A sheila	a lot of, many
A sicky	The swimsuit
No wucka`s	A barbeque
Heaps	Don`t worry
A dunny	Not going to work because you are sick
Being crook	A friend
The arvo	The afternoon
A brolly	A toilet
The bathers	Feeling ill
A barbie	A woman



G`day mate!
Do you understand our Australian slang?

If you need help finding the correct solution, check out the website below:
Nomads World – Aussie slang: <https://nomadsworld.com/aussie-slang/>

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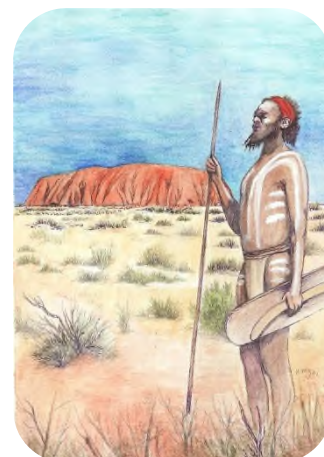
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Aboriginal people in Australia - Information



Find out about the Aboriginal people in Australia and answer the questions on the next page.

Aboriginal people have lived in Australia for over 50`000 years. That means their culture is older than the pyramids or Stonehenge. It is in fact the oldest continuous culture in the world. Today Aboriginal people represent less than four percent of Australia`s population.



Name

Aboriginal people have referred to themselves as Koori, Murri or Nunga, which is relevant to the greater region they are connected to.

Languages

During the early period of colonisation, from 1788, known as the period of "First Contact", there were between 350 and 750 distinct Australian social groupings, and a similar number of languages. Today there are still more than 200 different languages spoken by Aboriginal people in Australia.

Culture

In Aboriginal culture, people and the land merge – they are part of each other. Some places are sacred for Aboriginal people if they are especially meaningful and significant to them. Some places can only be visited by a specific group, a clan or either women or men.

Aboriginal people have developed their own musical instruments. One of them is the didgeridoo which was invented in the north of Australia and played only by men.



The Aboriginal flag

Black represents the Aboriginal people; the yellow circle symbolises the sun; red represents the earth, the red ochre used in ceremonies and Aboriginal peoples' spiritual relation to the land.

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Aboriginal people in Australia – Questions



Answer the questions after reading the information about the Aboriginal people in Australia.



Right or wrong?

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| There is no existing culture older than the Aboriginal. | <input type="radio"/> right <input type="radio"/> wrong |
| Aboriginal people call themselves Aboriginal people too. | <input type="radio"/> right <input type="radio"/> wrong |
| There is no official Aboriginal language. | <input type="radio"/> right <input type="radio"/> wrong |
| Sacred aboriginal places can be visited by everybody. | <input type="radio"/> right <input type="radio"/> wrong |
| The didgeridoo is played by Aboriginal people all over Australia. | <input type="radio"/> right <input type="radio"/> wrong |

Describe the following terms from the text in a short sentence.

Aboriginal languages

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“The First Contact”

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Sacred places

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The colours of the Aboriginal flag

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Can you find the words in the text that mean ...?

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| Existing without a break, uninterrupted (adjective) | |
| The people who live in a country or a region (noun) | |
| Equal, more or less the same (adjective) | |
| melt, become one, get connected (verb) | |
| to have a good idea about something new (verb) | |