

Australia

Australia is known as the 'land down under' because it is below the equator. It is one of the seven continents of the world. It is also a country.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are the first peoples of Australia and have lived on this continent for around 60,000 years. They were here for thousands of years before the British invaded the country and set up colonies.

Australia is made up of many different Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups, each with their own culture, language, beliefs and practices. Theirs is one of the oldest living civilisations in the world.

You can see what Indigenous land you live on here: <https://aiatsis.gov.au/whose-country-am-i>

Australia is the sixth largest country in the world. It is made up of six states and two territories. About 25 million people live here. Canberra is the capital of Australia.

90% of Australia's population live on the Coast. This is because the middle of the country is desert. This is often called the outback.

It does not get very much rain in the outback. Australia is the driest of any continent on earth other than Antarctica.

One of the most well-known sacred sites in Australia is Uluru, located in the centre of Australia. It is a big rock in Northern Territory that is 348 meters above the ground. It is a source of spiritual connection for Aboriginal people.

The most well-known animals in Australia are the koala and kangaroo. They are both marsupials because they carry their young in their pouch. A kangaroo can jump up to 9 meters.

Australia has almost 12,000 beaches. If you visited one beach per day, it would take you more than 32 years to see them all. The Great Barrier Reef is also in Australia and is about 2,000 kilometres long. It is larger than the Great Wall of China and the only living thing on earth visible from space.

Cricket is a popular Australian sport. Another favourite sport in Australia is Australian Rules Football, also called 'Aussie Rules'. It is a little bit like soccer and rugby.



Australia Quiz

1. Australia is called the land _____.
2. The first people to live in Australia were _____
and _____ people. They have lived
on this continent for around _____ years.
3. Australia is the _____ largest country in the world.
4. Australia has six _____ and two _____.
5. The capital city of Australia is _____.
6. The middle part of the country is called the _____.
7. A marsupial is an animal that carries its young in a _____.
8. There are _____ beaches in Australia.
9. The Great Barrier reef is _____ kilometres long.
It is the only living thing that can be seen from _____.
10. Popular sports in Australia are _____ and
_____.