

Year 2



Continent Focus: Australia Knowledge Organiser

Where in Australia would you most like to live?

Key Vocabulary

Continent – A very large area of land that includes all the islands with it.

Population – The number of people that live in a particular place.

Landmark – A feature of the landscape or area that is easily recognised.

Climate – The usual weather conditions of an area.

Equator – An imaginary line drawn around the middle of the Earth, dividing it into the Northern and Southern Hemispheres.

Urban Area – Region surrounding a city.

Rural Area – An area located on the outskirts (countryside)

Aboriginal – Aboriginal people, or aborigines, are groups of people who have lived in one area for many thousands of years.

Physical Features – Natural features of land

Human Features – Features of land that have been impacted by human activity

Southern Hemisphere – The part of the equator that lies south of the equator.

Key Questions and Facts

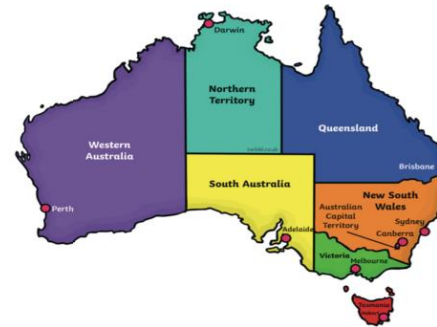
Where is Australia?



Australia is the smallest continent and one of the largest countries on Earth. Australia's capital is Canberra. Australia is in the southern hemisphere.

How many states are there in Australia?

The six states in Australia are: Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia.



How does climate differ in Australia?

Australia's size means that different areas of the country experience varied weather and climate conditions.

The weather is different in different parts of Australia. There are three climate zones: arid, temperate, and tropical.



The UK and Australia have opposite seasons.

Additional Information

Landmarks

Sydney Opera House



The Sydney Opera House is based in Sydney, it is a performing arts centre.

Bondi Beach



Bondi Beach is an iconic stretch of fine sand and curling waves and one of the world's most famous beach destinations.

Kangaroo Island



An island off the coast of Australia is one of the best places to see wild native animals, like koalas and kangaroos.

Great Barrier Reef



The Great Barrier Reef is the largest coral reef in the world and it can even be seen from space.

Sydney Harbour Bridge



The Sydney Harbour Bridge is in Sydney and is 134 metres tall. Cars can travel over the bridge.

Melbourne City



Melbourne is in the state of Victoria and used to be Australia's capital city.

Brisbane City



Brisbane is the capital of Queensland and is the third largest city. Brisbane is popular with tourists.

Uluru



Uluru is also called Ayers Rock. It is located near to Alice Springs. It is made from sandstone and lots of Uluru is hidden underground.

Useful Website

Read the following information to find out more fun facts about Australia:

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/countries/facts-about-australia/>