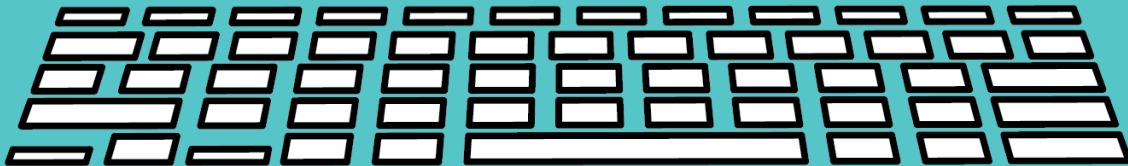


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3. What is the desert area often referred to as in Australia?		11. Australia borders the _____ ocean to the _____.	
4. What religion is the most popular in Australia?		12. James _____ was a British explorer.	
5. What is the most popular language in Australia?		13. Mount Kosciuszko is the _____ point in Australia.	
6. What is the longest river in Australia?		14. _____ million people live in Australia.	
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AUSTRALIA

Size: Australia is the smallest continent. It is slightly smaller than the contiguous 48 states of the United States. The continent covers 7,692,024 square kilometers.

Population: Over 25 million people live in Australia.

Major Islands: Australia is an Oceanian country made up of the mainland of the Australian continent, the island of Tasmania and other smaller islands.

Largest Country: Australia is the largest country in Oceania and the sixth largest country in the world after Russia, Canada, China, the U.S. and Brazil. The largest city in Australia is Sydney, followed by Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth.

Location: Australia is an island. It borders the Pacific Ocean to the east and the Indian Ocean to the west.

Ranking: Australia is the smallest of seven continents by area and the second smallest in terms of population.

Landforms: Desert covers a large area of Australia and is referred to as the 'outback'. Deserts include the Great Victoria Desert and the Tanami Desert. Other landforms include Ayers Rock, the Great Artesian Basin, Tasmania Island and the Great Barrier Reef. The Great Barrier Reef is one of the Seven Wonders of the World and the world's largest living structure.

Mountains: Mount Kosciuszko is the highest point in Australia. Other mountains include Mount Augustus, the Australian Alps, the Great Dividing Range, MacDonnell Ranges, Blue Mountains and Kings Canyon. Mawson Peak on the Heard Island territory is the highest mountain in any state or territory of Australia.

Water: Timor Sea, Great Australian Bight, Lake Carnegie, Coral Sea, Gulf of Carpentaria, Tasman Sea, Lake Gairdner, Lake Eyre, Murray River, Murrumbidgee River, and the Darling River. The longest river in Australia is the Murray River.

Natural Resources: Wheat, barley, sugarcane, fruits, cattle, sheep,

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poultry, coal, iron ore, copper, tin, gold, silver, uranium, nickel, tungsten, mineral sands, lead, zinc, diamonds and more.

Landmarks: Popular landmarks include the Sydney Opera House, Sydney Harbor Bridge, Ayers Rock (Uluru), Bondi Beach, Port Arthur (Tasmania), Great Barrier Reef, Kakadu National Park and Kangaroo Island. Uluru is known to change colors as different light strikes it at different times of the day and year.

Animals: Many poisonous snakes can be found in Australia including the Taipan, tiger snake, and brown snake. Kangaroos, koala bears, emu, kookaburra, and platypus can also be found in Australia.

Climate: The climate in Australia is usually arid to semiarid. Mostly temperate in south and east but tropical in the north. Australia is the driest inhabited continent and has an annual rainfall of less than 500 mm. In the north-east there are large tropical rainforests.

History: Australia gained their independence from the United Kingdom on January 1, 1901. James Cook, a British explorer, was credited with mapping the eastern coastline of Australia. Australia's first inhabitants were the original people who arrived on the island about 40,000 years ago.

Culture: Sports are an important part of Australian culture. Popular sports include rugby, swimming, soccer, football, surfing, and horse racing. Australia Day celebrates the anniversary of the first fleet landing in Australia on January 26, 1788. The Brisbane Festival has art, music, and dance. The Big Day Out is a huge outdoor music festival.

Food: Popular Australian dishes include Vegemite, barbeque, meat pies, pavlova, lamingtons, spaghettiolognese, roast lamb, fish and chips. Lamingtons are little sports cakes made in chocolate and grated coconut.

Language: Australia has no official language, but the most popular language is English. Second to English is Mandarin Chinese with only 2.5 percent of population speaking the language.

Religion: Catholic is the most popular religion in Australia followed next by Anglican.

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