

All about Australia



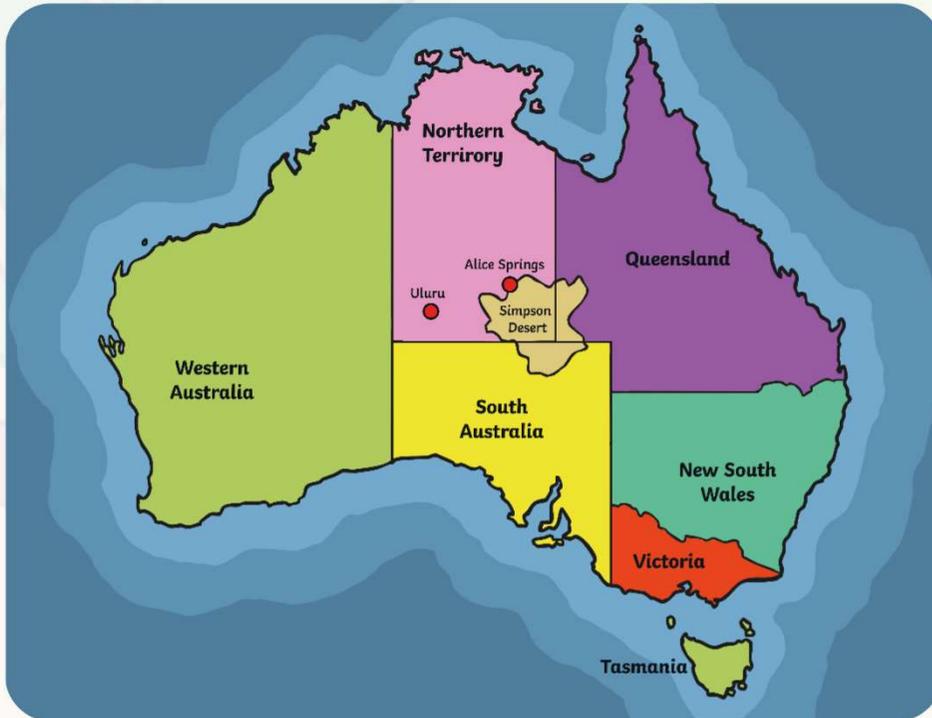
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Where is Australia?



Where is the United Kingdom?

Australia



Australia is the world's sixth largest country.

Around 24 million people live in Australia, which is not that many considering how large it is! By comparison, 65 million people live in the United Kingdom.

However, you could fit the United Kingdom into Australia 22 times!

Australia

London

The name Australia means 'south'. Australia is in the southern part (**hemisphere**) of the world.

8988 miles

It would take you almost a whole day to fly from the United Kingdom to Australia.

Perth

Climate

Australia's seasons are the opposite to the seasons in the United Kingdom. When the UK is in winter, Australia is in their summer and when the UK is in summer, Australia is in their winter.



Mostly, summertime is very hot and dry. Summer lasts from December to March. People celebrate Christmas on the beach!

Climate

In the desert, it doesn't rain very much but in the north of the country, it can rain lots. They have a wet season where heavy rains flood the land. This is called monsoon season.



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New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania are the coldest areas in Australia and they usually get snow in the winter.

Physical Features

Most of Australia is made up of desert, called the Outback.

Temperatures in the Outback range from as high as 50°C on summer days, to -10°C during winter nights.



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Australia also has rainforests.

The Daintree Rainforest is the oldest rainforest in the world. You can find more than 1200 types of insects here!

Physical Features



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Australia is an island. It has coastline all around it and beautiful beaches.

The Murray River is the longest river in Australia. It is 1558 miles long!



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The Australian Alps are Australia's largest mountain range.



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Physical Features



Uluru (also called Ayers Rock) is located in the centre of Australia.

Uluru is 348 metres high and over 600 million years old!

The Great Barrier Reef is the biggest coral reef in the world.

It is 1400 miles long and is home to more than 1500 species of fish!



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Human Features

Canberra is the capital city of Australia.

There are also lots of other big cities, such as Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Brisbane. These cities are all near to the coast. Alice Springs is the main city in the Outback.

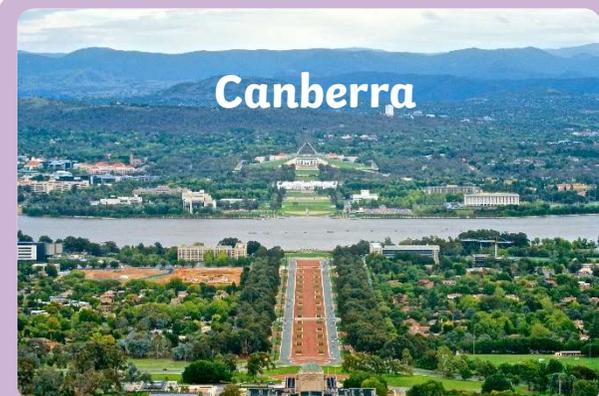


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Alice Springs



Melbourne



Perth



Sydney



Brisbane

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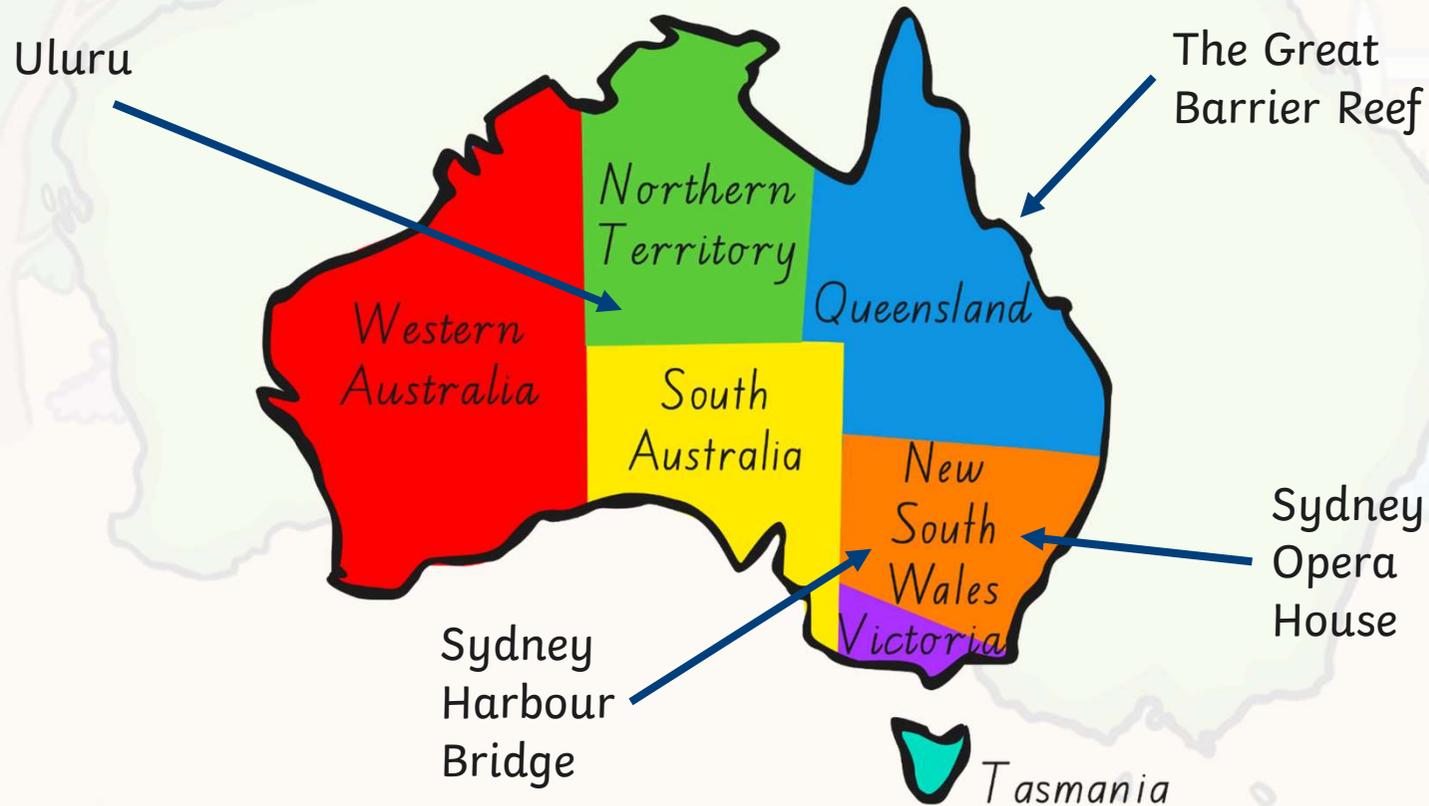
Sydney is the oldest city in Australia.

It is famous for one of the most recognisable landmarks in the world; the Sydney Opera House.

The Sydney Harbour Bridge is also very famous.



Famous Landmarks in Australia



Australian Wildlife

Australia has lots of unique wildlife. Some cannot be found naturally anywhere else in the world!

These include koalas, kangaroos, kookaburras, emus and platypuses.



Australian Wildlife

Australia is also home to lots of dangerous creatures, such as venomous snakes and spiders!

Sydney funnel web spider



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eastern brown snake

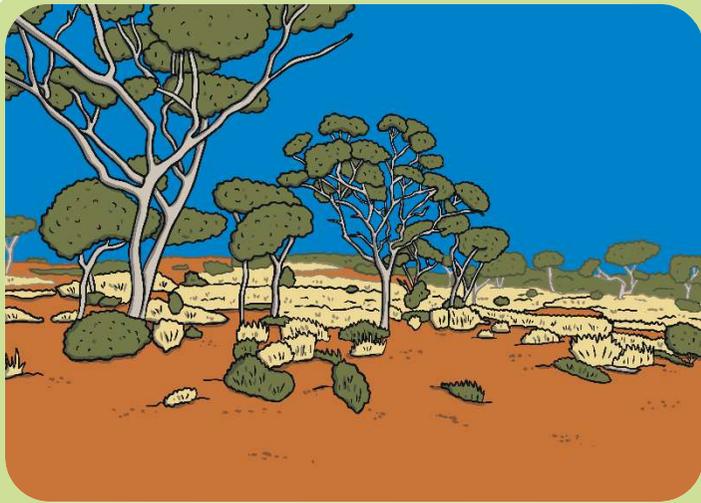
Quick Quiz!

1. How many people live in Australia?

Around 24 million people live in Australia.

2. Where do lots of people celebrate Christmas in Australia?

Lots of people celebrate Christmas on the beach.



3. What is the desert area in Australia called?

The desert area in Australia is called the Outback.

Quick Quiz!

4. How many types of insects can you find in the Daintree Rainforest?

You can find more than 1200 types of insects.



5. What is Uluru also known as?

Uluru is also known as Ayers Rock.

6. Name two venomous creatures that can be found in Australia.

Venomous snakes and spiders can be found in Australia.