

AUSTRALIA



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The Commonwealth of Australia

- The Commonwealth of Australia is a federal state within the Commonwealth of Nations. It has got six states: New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania and two internal territories. The official language is English. Australia is situated in the south-west of the Pacific Ocean. It has an area of eight million square kilometers.



Some facts about Australia

- Australia is the largest island in the world and it is the smallest continent. The Dutch were the first Europeans to visit Australia. In 1770 the English captain James Cook discovered the east coast of Australia. Australia's climate is dry and warm. Australia is situated in the southern hemisphere and that's why there is summer, when we have winter and there is winter, when we have summer. It is interesting to know that January is the hottest month in Australia.



The symbols of Australia



The Government of Australia

- The Commonwealth of Australia is a self-governing federal state and a member of Commonwealth of Nations. Formally the head of state is the king or queen of England, represented by a governor general. The Commonwealth of Australia consists of six states and two territories, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory. The Capital Territory is the land around the federal capital, Canberra.



The population of Australia

- Today there are 23.132.466 people in Australia. Most of them are of British origin. The population includes more than 200.000 aborigines, the descendants of the people who lived in Australia before the Europeans came.



Canberra

The capital of Australia is Canberra. It's not as large as Sydney or Melbourne, but it has an important political meaning for the country. All the governmental and parliamentary buildings are situated there. Canberra is also the home of many cultural institutions, such as Australian National University, National Gallery, National Museum, Royal Military College, Australian Institute of Sport and many others.



Sydney

- The largest and the most visited city in Australia is Sydney. With the population over 4.6 million people, the city hosts 2.7 million international tourists a year. There is a great number of attractions in Sydney. The most well-known ones are Sydney Opera House, Sydney Harbour Bridge, St Mary's Catholic Cathedral, Royal Botanical Gardens, Luna Park, Australian Museum of Natural History and Anthropology, Museum of Contemporary Art and several others.



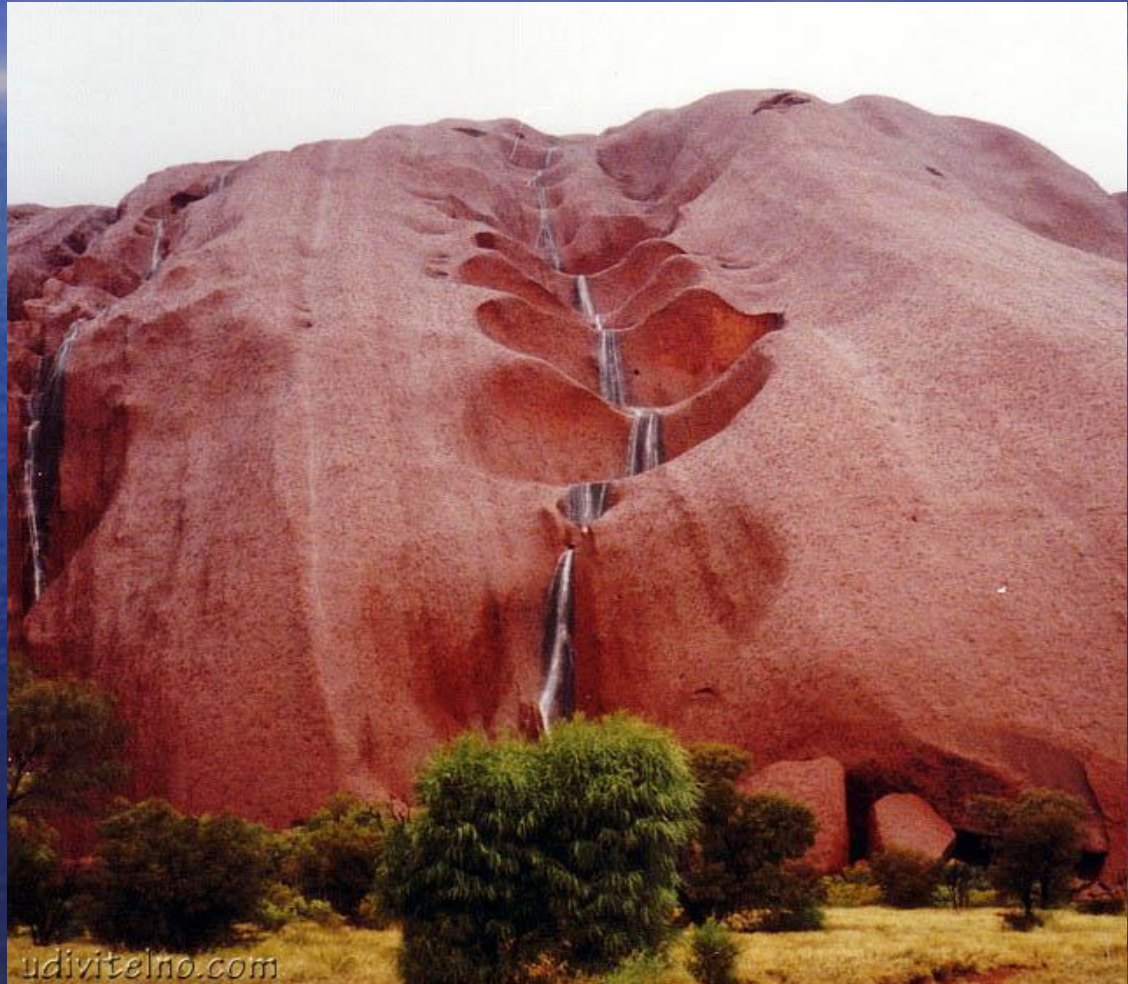
Sydney Opera House

- Sydney Opera House is a multi-venue performing arts centre in Sydney. It was conceived and largely built by Danish architect Jorn Utzon, opening in 1973 after a long gestation that had begun with his competition-winning design in 1957.
- The Sydney Opera House was made a UNESCO World Heritage Site on 28 June 2007. It is one of the 20th century's most distinctive buildings and one of the most performing arts centres in the world.

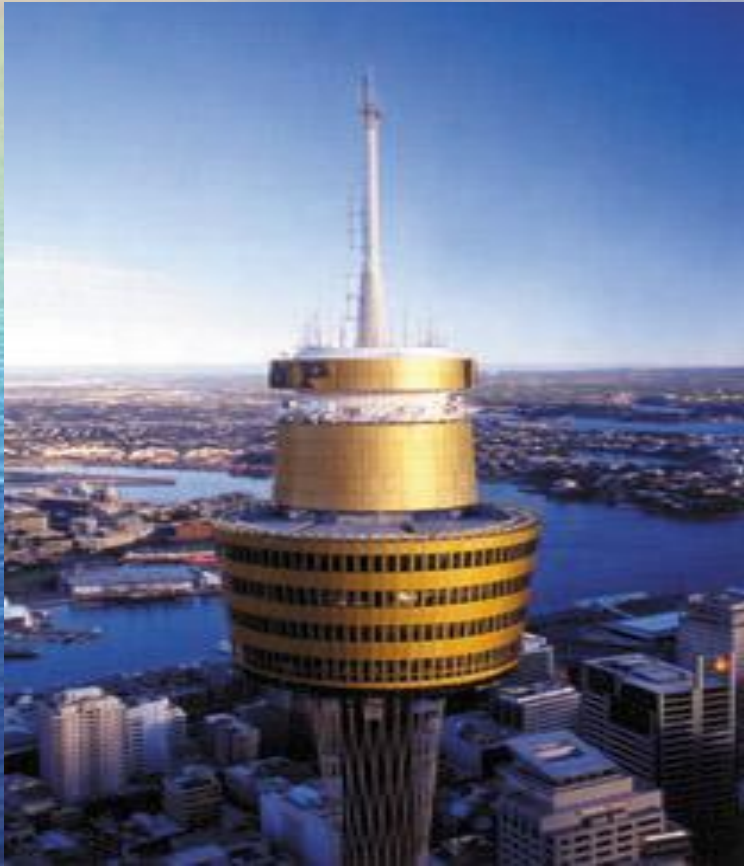


Uluru

- Uluru (Ayers Rock) is the most famous Australia's landmark. The world's largest rock mass rises out of the middle of the country and is spectacular at any time of the day.
- Uluru is always impressive, but never more so than during sunset.



Sydney Tower St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral



Pink Lake



Horizontal Falls



Shawn Robinson

Chinese Garden

Purnululu National Park



Taronga Zoo

Sydney Aquarium



Answer the questions:

- 1. Is Australia a country or a continent?
- 2. How many states has it got?
- 3. Who discovered the east coast of Australia?
- 4. What is the hottest month in Australia?
- 5. Who is the head of the state?
- 6. Where is the capital of Australia located?
- 7. How many people are there in Australia?
- 8. What other Australian cities do you know?
- 9. If you went there, what would you like to see?
- 10. Would you like to visit Australia? Why?

Amusing world of Australian animals

- There are many animals in Australia that you cannot see anywhere else. The biggest are the great grey kangaroos. They are 213 centimetres tall and can run at 56 kilometres per hour. Wombats and koalas have many similarities and are probably related. Both have pockets inside their mouths to store food and neither has a tail. There are many dangerous spiders in Australia.



Species of wildlife in Australia

- There are many different species of wildlife in Australia. Marsupials are the most successful group in Australia. This group includes kangaroos, wallabies, koalas, Tasmanian wolves, Tasmanian devils, wombats, and many others.

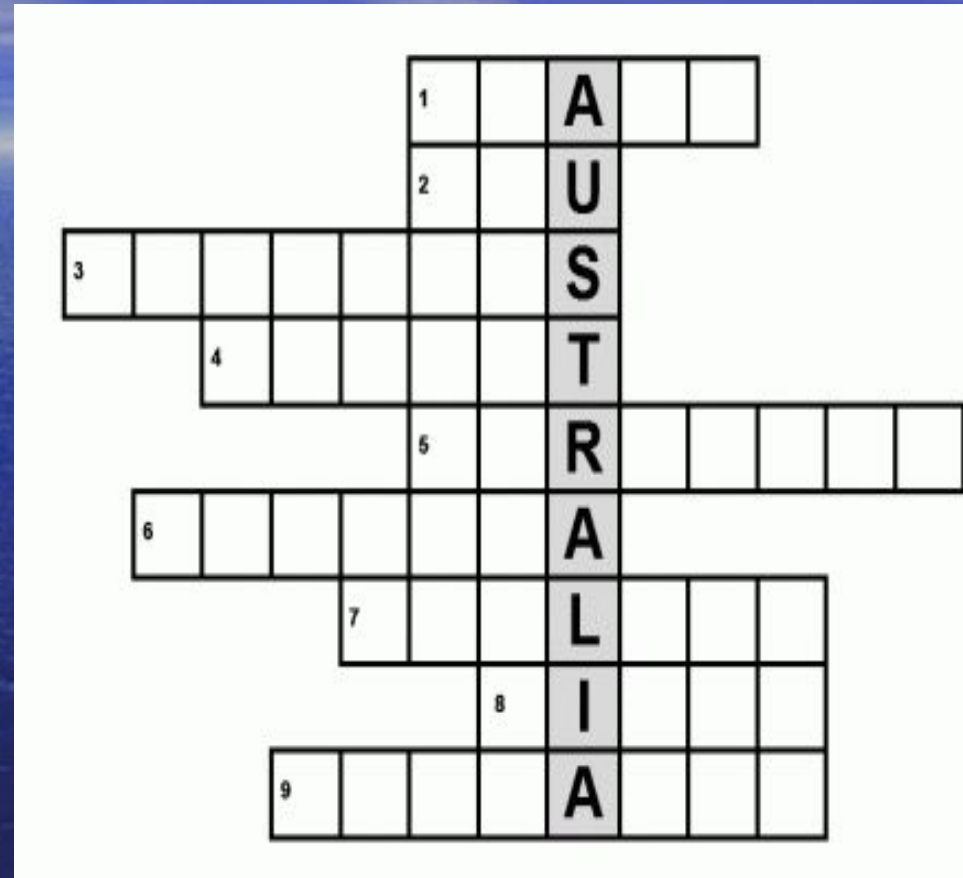


- The platypus and the echidna are egg-laying mammals. There are also numerous different species of birds. Some of them are cockatoo, kookaburra, lyrebird, the flightless emu, and several types of parrots.



Crossword "Australian animals"

- 1.a marsupial similar in appearance to bears
- 2.the largest bird native to Australia
- 3.a duck-billed mammal
- 4.a short-legged, muscular marsupial
- 5.a bird whose tail resembles a musical instrument
- 6.a spiny egg-laying mammal
- 7.a marsupial similar to kangaroo but smaller in size
- 8.a wild dog
- 9.the marsupial with powerful hind legs that can jump very well



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Glossary

- commonwealth-содружество
- internal-внутренний
- hemisphere-полушарие
- origin-происхождение
- descendant-потомок
- conceive-задумывать
- landmark-веха, ориентир
- spectacular-производить глубокое впечатление
- wombat-вомбат
- similarity-сходство
- species-(биол.) вид
- marsupial-сумчатое
- cockatoo-какаду
- lyrebird-лирохвост
- hind-задний (о лапах животного)
- wallaby- кенгуру (один из видов)

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