

# Australia



# Wonderland

Topic: Australia

Goal: prove that Australia is extraordinary.

Nature (Flora and Fauna)

Geographical Position

Life Conditions

The History

Aborigines

Wonders

## Do you know that:

- Australia is the biggest island
- It's the 6<sup>th</sup> large country in the world
- It's low and flat
- The climate is hot and dry



# The history of Australia

## Aborigines

The first people in Australia were the Aborigines, who came more than 40,000 years ago.



Chinese and Dutch sailors discovered  
Australia first.

Abel Tasman



**Captain James Cook,**

the British sailor, when landed there in 1770 said Australia belonged to Britain.



# The Relief

Two-thirds of Australia, mostly in the centre and the west, is a desert.



# Outback

- flat and hot centre
- 2/3 of Australia
- population: 1000,000
- sheep or cattle stations (farms)





# Uluru

- Ayers Rock in the middle of the desert
- 3 kms long and 348 metres high
- 600 mln years old



# The Climate

is sunny and dry.

Australia's longest river, the Murray



# The Great Barrier Reef

- the world's longest coral reef
- 2,000 kms long
- 15,000 years old
- 1,500 kinds of fish



# Sydney

Sydney is the oldest and biggest city, with 3.7 million people. It is a busy, modern centre of business.



# Sydney Opera House looks like sails (1973)



# Melbourne

the second biggest city was the capital of Australia (from 1901 to 1927).



# Modern cities

are Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth. Adelaide has a famous festival of music, theatre and film every two years. And in Perth about one-third of the families own a boat.



# Canberra

is the capital of Australia. It means  
a 'meeting place'.





# The Aborigines

British people came to Australia in 1788.  
300,000 Aborigines lived in Australia.



At special times Aborigines came together in big groups. They painted their bodies, sang, danced and made music.



# Extraordinary world

If you want to see extraordinary animals, birds and plants, Australia is a good place to go.



# Kangarooland

The biggest of the fifty different kinds is the red kangaroo. They can jump more than four metres and travel at seventy kilometres an hour. Kangaroos eat grass and leaves and live in groups of about twelve.



# Koala

They live in eucalyptus trees, sleeping for eighteen hours, and eating one kilo of leaves, each day.





# Echidna and platypus

The platypus has a wide bill like a duck's and a wide flat tail.



The echidna eats ants.





- Their babies are born from eggs but drink milk from their mothers.

# Emu - the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest bird

- ▶ 800 kinds of birds
- ▶ 2 metres tall
- ▶ Runs 50 kms an hour



**Kookaburra's**  
cry sounds like laughing.



# Eucalyptus

can grow to 120 metres

# Flying Doctors

People in the outback can speak to a doctor by radio and get help by air .



# Industry and Agriculture

Australia is a rich country thanks to sheep, fruit and gold



# Cattle stations

cover one-quarter of Australia.



# Famous Australians

- Mel Gibson
- Kylie Minogue
- Jason Donovan



Mel Gibson a film star  
«Brave Heart»

