



Australia

the smallest continent

the largest island

the Pacific Ocean

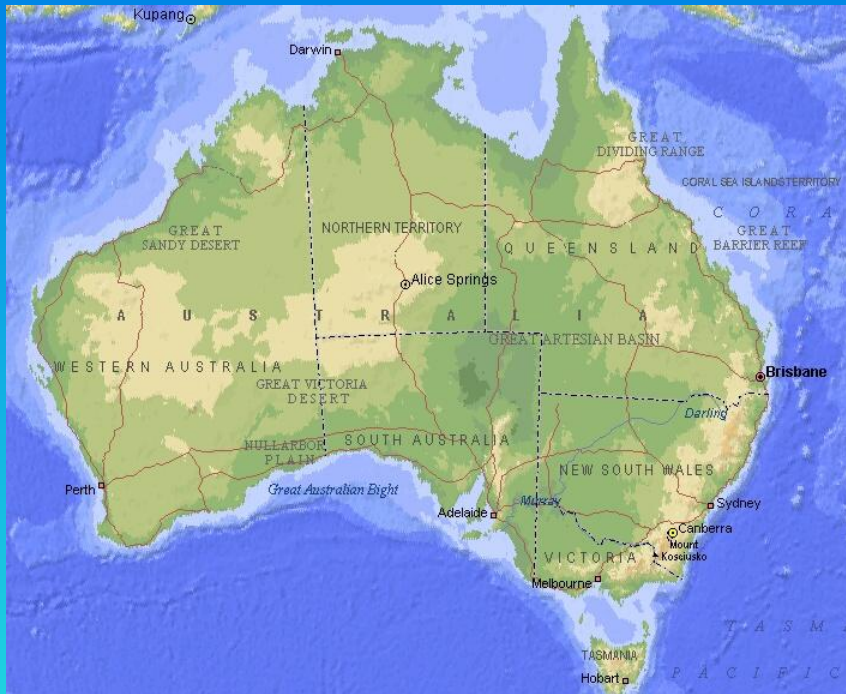
the Indian Ocean

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The Commonwealth of AUSTRALIA



The Commonwealth of Australia is a federal state within the Commonwealth. Its territories are the continent of Australia, the island of Tasmania and a number of smaller islands. It has an area of about 8 million square kilometres.





It is the world's largest island and its smallest continent.



History of Australia

- *The east coast of Australia was discovered by Captain Cook in 1770.*





*The continent of
Australia is mostly a
great plain with
mountains in the east
and south-east.*





*Much of the land is a
useless desert. Great
deserts cover nearly
2 000 000 square
kilometres.*



- *On a continent almost always sun time of year*



- *Severe droughts, floods and cyclones happen very often on the continent. The people suffer from limited fresh water.*





WILD LIFE OF AUSTRALIA



There are many wild animals in Australia. Some of them, such as

the kangaroo



the koala



the dingo
or wild dog



are not found in any other country of the world

The native birds of Australia are very interesting. The emu, for example, which with kangaroo is represented on the Australian coat-of-arms, is the next-tallest bird in the world after the ostrich.



- *The capital of Australia is Canberra.*



*There are 5 big cities in
Australia: Sydney,
Melbourne, Adelaide,
Perth and Brisbane.*



- *New Year is in the middle of summer, the middle of winter is in June, and the winter months are never cold.*



*Australia is a remarkable and
interesting country. Invite all
to visit it. Your trip will be
unforgettable.*

