

# Terra Australis Incognita

The plan of the project:

1. National colors and symbols.
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3. The Agriculture.
4. *Industry.*
5. The Strange World of Australian Animals.
6. *Quiz.*





# Australia



The Australian aborigines

Today there are about fifteen million people in Australia; most of them are of British origin.

There are now only 40,000 full aborigines and 39,000 part aborigines who live mainly in the tropical and desert areas.



There are five big cities in Australia: Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Brisbane. Each city is the capital of the state in which it is situated. Sydney has about three million inhabitants, Melbourne has about two and a half million, the other cities are much smaller.



Airs - rock

New Year is in the middle of summer, the middle of winter is in June, and the winter months are very cold. Hot winds blow from the north, cold winds blow from the south.

The native trees such as the eucalyptus, the bottle tree, look very strange, and they never lose their leaves in winter.

Australia is a land of birds and animals which cannot be found in other parts of the world. They are the emu, the kangaroo, the kooka, the echidna, the dingo and many others.

## Do you know that...

- the highest mountain - mountain Kosciuszko of 2 229 meters.
- Australia - lowest continent in the world, average height only 330 meters.
- the longest river - Murray River and ee inflow Darling River. Together they to last on 3 370 kms., and their pool makes of more one million square kilometers, that is 14 % of all territory of Australia.
- the largest state - Western Australia, with territory of more 2,5 millions square kilometers.
- the smallest state is Tasmania.
- the strongest rain has passed in Queensland state in February, 1893.
- the driest place in Australia - Lake Eyre.



Southern coast of Australia



Dingo



Kangaroo



Koala

- Official name - Commonwealth of Australia
- Status - Independent federative state within the British the Commonwealth owing allegiance to the Queen of Great Britain
- Area--8,000,000 sq.km.
- Population-- 18,284,373 million people
- Capital-- Canberra
- Language--English
- **Area of Australia's States**
- **New South Wales** 802,000 sq km **Victoria** 228, 000 sq km
- **Queensland** 1,727,000 sq km **South Australia** 984,000 sq km
- **Northern Territory**-1,346,000 sq km **Western Australia** 2,526,000 sq km
- **Tasmania** 68,000 sq km **Australia Capital Territory** 2,400 sq km
- **Main cities of Australia.**
- Canberra Sydney Melbourne Brisbane Perth Adelaide Hobart
- Darwin



INDONESIA

PAPUA  
NEW  
GUINEA

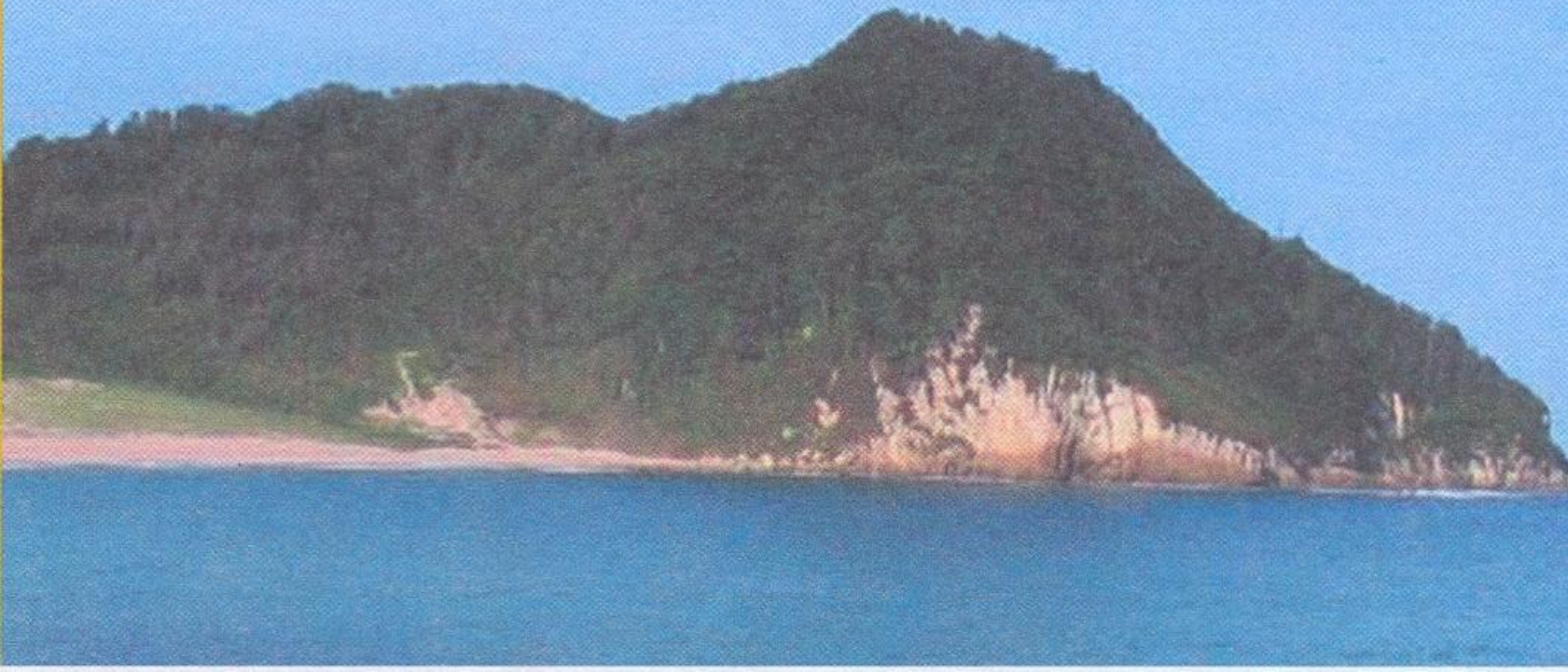


# What Do You Know about Australia?



- It is the sixth large country and the smallest continent. Australia lies between the South Pacific Ocean and the Indian Ocean. It is situated about 11000 km southwest of North America and about 8200 km southeast of mainland Asia. The name of the country comes from Latin word «australis» which means southern. The country's official name is Commonwealth of Australia.

▶ Australia is an island, a continent and a country. It's the world's largest island and its smallest (but oldest!) continent. And it's the only country that has a whole continent to itself! However, a lot of it is empty. There are only 20 million people, and most of them live in the eight large cities.





▲ One of the most beautiful things you can see in Australia is Uluru. This huge rock is 348 metres high and 348 kilometres long, but what you see of Uluru is the tip of the iceberg. There are another 2,100 metres under the ground. Uluru is 600 million years old. The best time to see it is at the end of the day, when its colour changes from yellow to gold, red and then purple. Uluru is a sacred place for Australia's native people, the Aborigines. They believe that it's full of spirits that created the world.

# Climature

- Australia has several different climatic regions, from warm to subtropical and tropical. There are tropical forest in the north-east because the winds from the sea bring heavy rainfalls, especially in tropical summer. The climate in the west is very dry and more than half of Australia gets very little rain. In the south-west and east the winds bring rain in winter.





# Union Jack.



The flag of Australia is the only one to fly over a whole continent. The small Union Jack represents the historical link with Britain, the large seven-pointed star represents the six States and the Territories, and the small stars form the Southern Cross—a prominent feature of the southern hemisphere night sky.

# Coat of arms.



Australia coat of arms – the official emblem of the Australia Government – was granted by King George V in 1912.

The arms consist of a shield containing the barges of the six states. The supporters are native Australian fauna – a kangaroo and an emu. A yellow-flowered native plant, wattle, also appears in the design.



# Agriculture



- Australia produces everything: cotton, sugar, rice, Soya beans, wheat and fruit. It even exports chocolate-flavored milk to California and grows heroin poppies, legally, for medical purposes. For the farmers, life on the land is hard. All large sheep and cattle stations have an airfield. Houses and even tractors have air conditioning, which is needed when temperatures reach 45°. Some outback sheep and cattle stations are huge. The largest is Commonwealth Hill in South Australia. The animals are truly free-range and as a result the beef is leaner and the wool finer than anywhere in the world. The sheep have to be protected from wild dogs, called dingoes. There is a dingo fence that stretches 5290km across Queensland and South Australia.



# Industry

The mining industry of Australia plays the important role in a national economy.

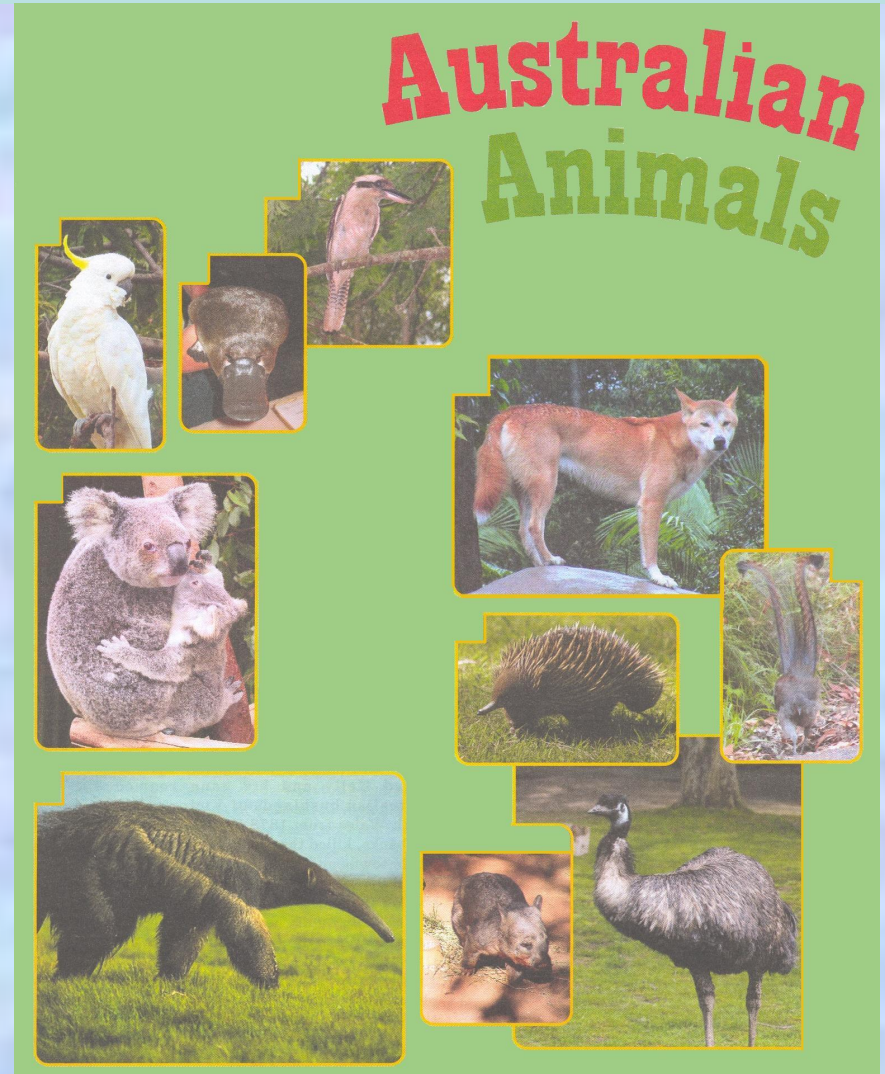
Australia ranks second in its deposits of iron ore and bauxite and third in its deposits of copper, lead and zinc ores. Besides, there are significant reserves of coal, gas, uranium, nickel, titanium, gold and diamonds. These discoveries increased the in flow of foreign capital into the country's economy.

For almost a century people said that Australia «was riding on the back of a sheep», since the production and export of wool was the basis of the country's economy. Now, the country has moved from «the back of a sheep on to a mining truck».

The need (requirement) of use of new technologies is constantly increased, and consequently today the industry includes new branches of a science and engineering, business administration and marketing.

# The strange world of Australian Animals

There are many wild animals in Australia. Some of them such as the kangaroo, the dingo, or wild dog, and the koala, are not found in any other country of the world. Australia has been called “the land of differences” and “the continent of contrasts”. There are many ways in which it is different from other countries. The first things most people think of are the strange native animals. Early in the world’s history Australia was separated from the other continents and her animals developed differently. Of these, the strangest of all are the water loving platypus and the echidna.





There are lots of strange and unusual animals in Australia. Many of them – the kangaroo, koala, echidna, platypus – are found nowhere else in the world. Probably the most famous of them is the kangaroo. Actually, there are 60 kinds of kangaroo in Australia. The biggest one is the red kangaroo. It can be more than 2 metres tall and weigh 90 kg.



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# Quiz



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# 1



A photograph of several Aboriginal people in traditional dress, sitting on the ground and using wooden tools to grind grain. The scene is outdoors with a natural background.

Approximately  
how many nationalities live in Australia?

**200**

**5**

**20**

**75**

**quiz**



. In which season  
do Australians celebrate Christmas?

**Spring**

**Autumn**

**Winter**

**Summer**

**quiz**

A photograph of a kangaroo in a dry, open landscape. The kangaroo is in the center-right of the frame, facing right. The ground is reddish-brown and rocky. The sky is clear and blue.

Which two animals  
can you see on the Australia coat of arms?

**Kangaroo and Dingo.**

**Koala and Parrot.**

**Kangaroo and Emu.**

**Kangaroo and Koala**

**quiz**

# RESULT

**My project helped me  
to learn a lot of new words  
and  
I got a lot of useful  
information  
about Australia**

