

Australia

1. Ayer's Rock / Uluru, kangaroo, koala, wind-surfing, Sydney Opera House
2. The Indian and Pacific Oceans are on each side of Australia. The hot, dry centre is called "the outback".
3. Australia is in the Southern Hemisphere so the seasons (summer, Autumn, winter, Spring) are the opposite to China. Sometimes Australia is called "The Land Down Under". It is the oldest, driest, flattest continent.
4. Captain James Cook came to Australia in 1770 and it became part of Britain. Britain was very poor at that time and the prisons were very crowded. Britain sent many prisoners to Australia by ship. The prisoners made roads and buildings for the new country.
5. The population of Australia is now about 20 million.
6. The capital of Australia is Canberra. Australia is divided into 6 states and 1 territory:

New South Wales (The capital is Sydney), **Victoria** (Melbourne), **South Australia** (Adelaide), **Western Australia** (Perth), **Queensland** (Brisbane), **Tasmania** (Hobart), **Northern Territory** (Darwin)





7. New South Wales: Sydney - The Opera house (the design is sails on water), Harbour Bridge, Dragon Boat races, Royal Botanic Gardens, Government House, The Domain, Speakers' Corner, Art gallery, Hyde Park, The Rocks, Kings cross, Paddington lace iron work

Blue Mountains, wildlife, Katoomba, The Three Sisters

Canberra, Australia's capital, means "meeting place" in an Aboriginal language. It is in New South Wales, halfway between Sydney and Melbourne. .

Museum, indoor cricket, golf, kangaroos

The Outback - bushland - sheep and cattle stations, sheep shearing

Snowy Mountains - highest mountain range in Australia, trout fishing, chairlift rides, skiing, fresh water supply

8. Victoria: Melbourne - Yarra river, Arts Centre, National Gallery, trams, Shrine of Remembrance, Queen Victoria market, football, horse racing

9. Western Australia: Perth - Swan River, Kings Park, wines, sail boarding, cable water skiing and other water sports, surf fishing, gold mining

10. Northern Territory: Ayers Rock (Uluru), Aboriginal people, The Olgas, nocturnal wildlife because of desert temperatures of 130 degrees F (54 degrees C) in summer, with surface temperatures of 160 degrees F (71 degrees C)

11. Queensland: The Great Barrier Reef
Brisbane - Brisbane River

Koala sanctuary - koalas once in danger of extinction, eucalyptus leaves for food and water, marsupials (carry young in pouch)

Emus

Glasshouse Mountains, passionfruit, windsurfing, Gold Coast