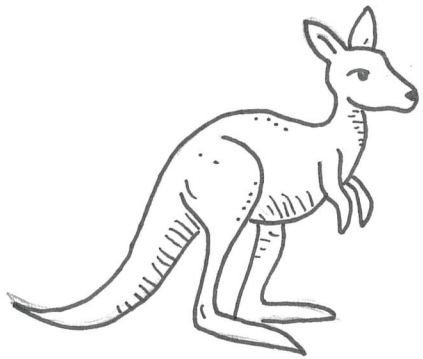
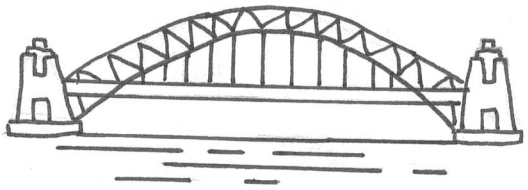
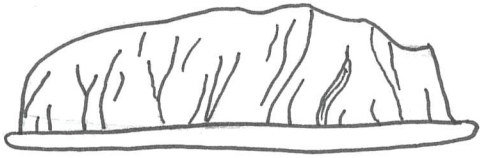
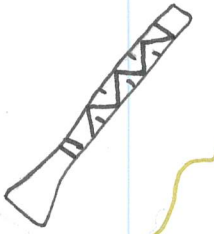




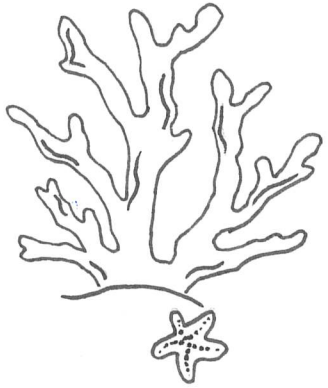


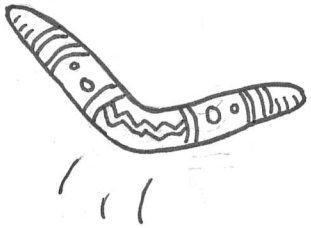


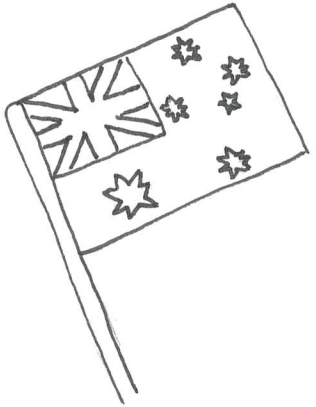
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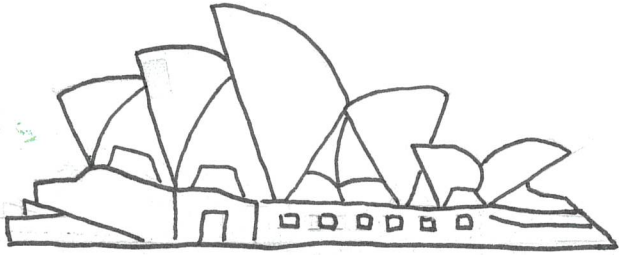
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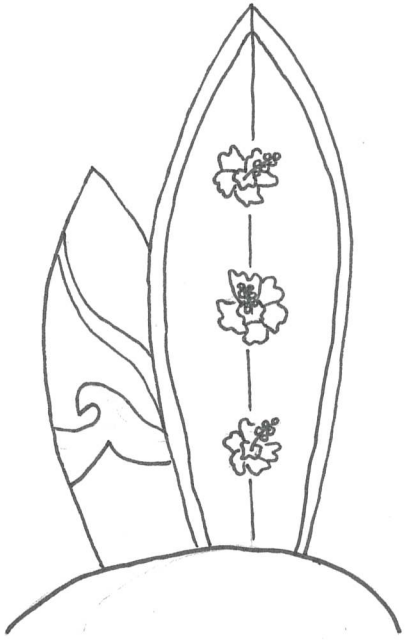












Downunder in AUSTRALIA – Geography song

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Utb4gruKItM

1. **Listen to the song and fill in the blanks:**

Australia is the 6th largest country. It has 6 states and two territories.

1. The capital of **South Australia** is Adelaide and it is defined by extreme wilderness and the Great Australian Bight (with *sheer* cliffs).

2. Western Australia´s capital is Perth and it´s Australia´s largest state. Most of it is made up of dried up outback *terrain*.

3. The world´s largest coral *reef* system, the Great Barrier Reef, is in the state of Queensland. Its capital is Brisbane.

4. **Victoria**´s capital is Melbourne and there is a famous Marine National Park, where you can find various sea animals such as penguins, seals, seabirds and sharks.

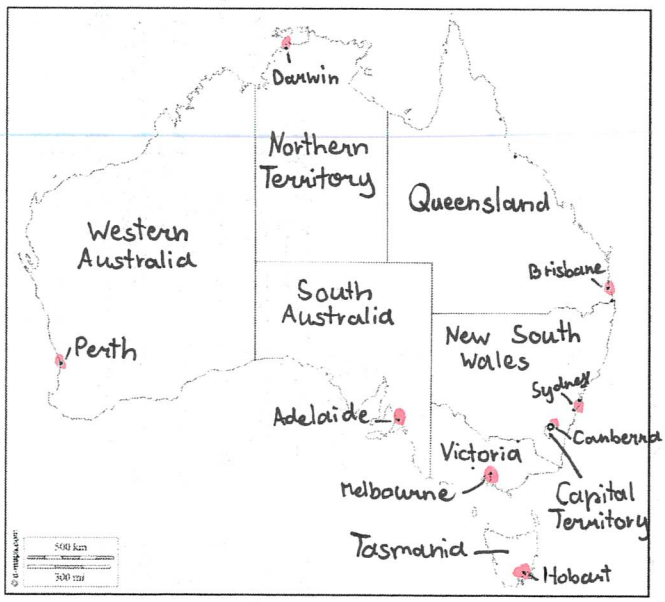
5. The island state of Australia is called Tasmania, home to the endangered Tasmanian devil. The capital of the 26th largest island of the world is Hobart.

6. The popular Sydney Opera House can be found in the city of Sydney, in New South Wales.

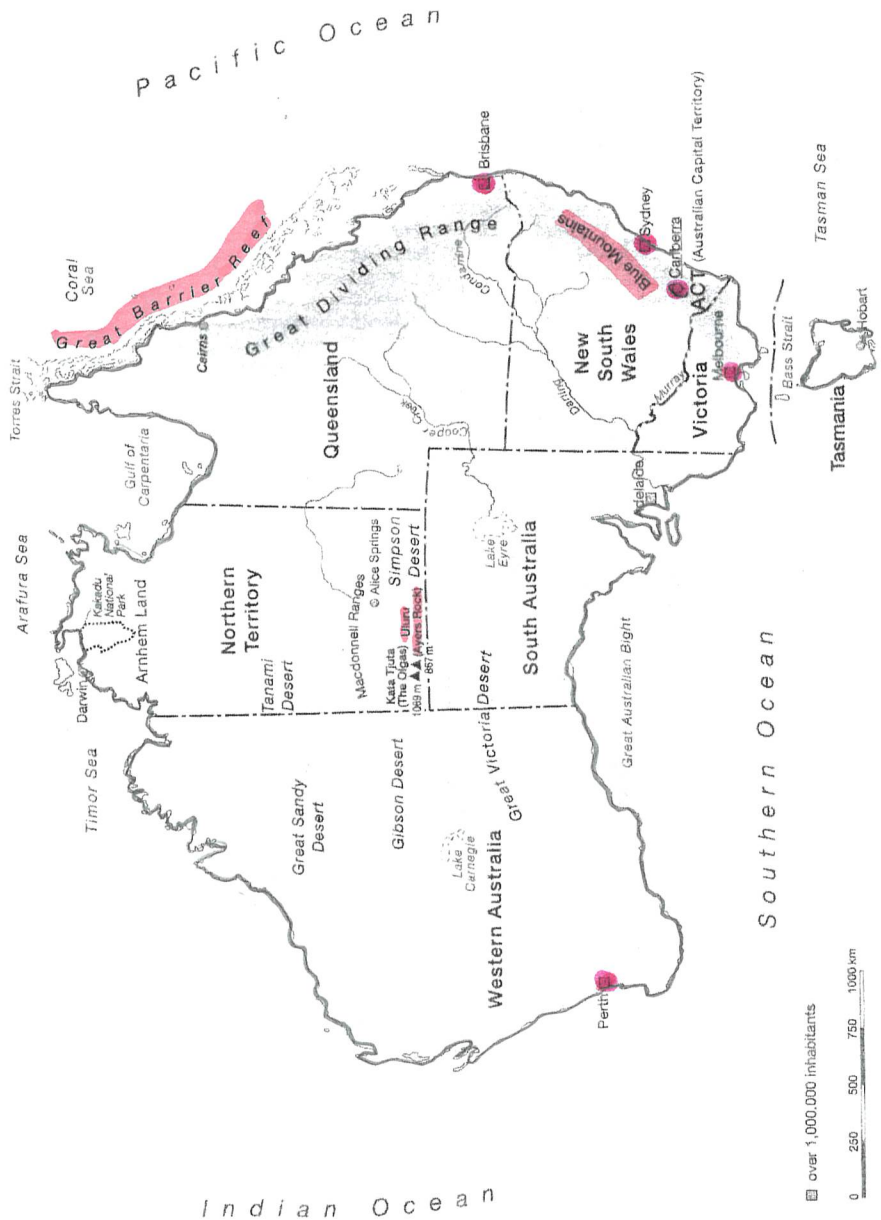
7. The **Northern Territory**´s capital is Darwin. The territory is famous for the outback desert landscape and the *sacred* Aboriginal place Uluru, also known as Ayers Rock.

8. **ACT** is short for Australian Capital Territory and there you can find Australia´s capital city Canberra, also called the Bush capital.

2. **Label Australia´s states and territories (including their capitals) in the map! You can also have a look at page 2.**



MAP OF AUSTRALIA



1 **a** About Australia: Write the words from the box in the appropriate column *(= passende Spalte)* of the chart.

Queensland✓ Sydney✓ Alice Springs✓ Aussie✓
Western Australia✓ Native Australian✓ Australian Melbourne✓
James Cook✓ South Australia✓ Brisbane✓ Townsville✓
Bondi Beach✓ Sydney Harbour Bridge✓ The Royal National Park✓
New South Wales✓ Canberra✓ Great Barrier Reef✓
Ayers Rock (Uluru)✓ Cairns✓ Perth✓ Sydney Opera House✓ Aborigine✓
Northern Territory✓ Victoria✓ Darwin

people	sights	cities	areas
Aussie	Bondi Beach	Sydney	Queensland
Native Australian	Sydney Harbour Bridge	Alice Springs	Western Australia
James Cook	The Royal National Park	Melbourne	South Australia
Aborigine	Great Barrier Reef	Brisbane	New South Wales
Australian	Ayers Rock (Uluru)	Townsville	Northern Territory
	Sydney Opera House	Canberra	Victoria
		Cairns	
		Perth	
		Darwin	

b Create an acrostic about Australia.

Aborigine
Uluru
Sydney Opera House
Tasmanian devil
Great Barrier Reef
Quokka
Native Australian
Marine National Park
outback terrain



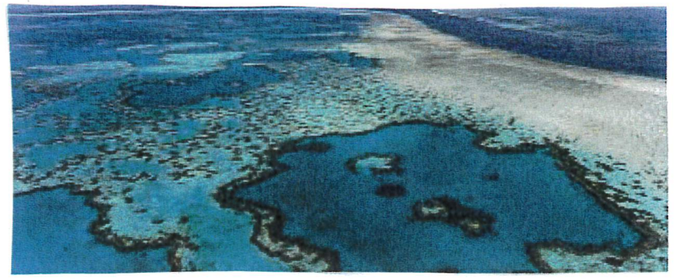
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vocabulary list

Aussies = Australier
Native Australian = Indigene Australier

beyond	Jenseits
spare petrol	Ersatzbenzin
unwelcoming wilderness	abstoßende Wildnis
mountainous areas	gebirgiges Gebiet
northern hemisphere	nördliche Halbkugel
ancestors	Vorfahren
hunter-gatherers	Jäger und Sammler
Australian didgeridoos	= Musikinstrument

Great Barrier Reef



one of the seven natural wonders

Queensland, Australia, in the Pacific Ocean

900 islands stretching for over 2,600 km

worlds largest reef system

is about a thousand years old

2,900 individual reefs

Tourism:

the tourism employs up to 70 000 people

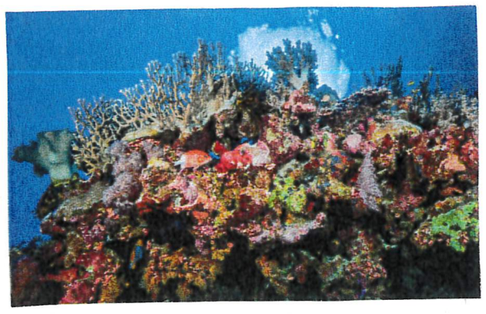
many hotels and resorts

one of the world's most popular tourist attractions

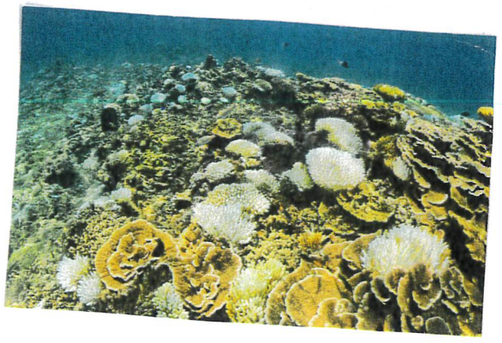
things to do:

- diving
- whale watching
- taking helicopter tours
- swimming with dolphins

The climate change has damaged corals because the rising water temperatures turn them completely white



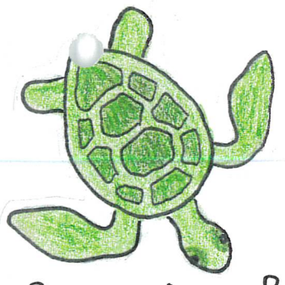
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17 species of sea snakes

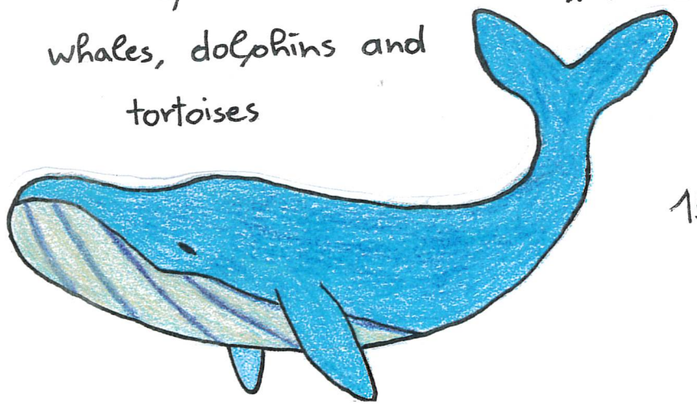


30 species of whales, dolphins and tortoises



200 species of birds

Animals in Great Barrier Reef



1500 species of fish



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4651
Austria

Brisbane
Australia

11/03/2025

Dear employer of the water sports centre,

I would like to apply for the job which was advertised on the website of the centre.

At the moment I am 24 and in four months I am going to finish my studies (training as an) office clerk. My relatives live in Australia and I have visited them every summer. I want to see more of Australia and that is the reason why I am going to live near Bisbane from June until December.

I am good at maths and organizing. Despite my (German) mother tongue I am on english level B2. Because I grew up in a extended family, I am good at connecting with new people* I am very empathic. I have good water sport skills due to (because) I tried different sports in Australia. (→ + noun)

* and

I have always been interesting ed in making new experience and with that job I could earn a little (bit) money, but I could also see my relatives and learn about a new culture.

If you need further information, do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Mila Hofer

(Mila Hofer)

Mila

Hot, hotter
- trapped in the outback

12/03/2025

Adelaide. Last Thursday, a family of four became stranded in the outback. But nobody knew that. The friends of the family were very frightened and found it strange that they disappeared from one day to the next. Until yesterday... 39 W

The Carter family wanted to make a day trip. At first everything was ok, but suddenly the family heard a strange noise from the motor. Mr. Carter reported that their car had stopped suddenly. They had tried to repair their car, but they had no luck.

After that the Carter parents weren't scared at all, ~~due to~~ because they had an radio, so they could called the flying doctors. Although they had a radio, why wasn't there any help? The son of the parents answered to the quastion, that he was really sorry. He had been so stupid, because he had used radio batteries for his Walkman.

So there was no help and only a couple of snacks and bottles in the car. Because of that the family was in panic. Mrs Carter told me, that they had been very frightened indeed.
The family had waited by the car and had made a shade with towels. Julie, their girl, was only small and she had fainted on the fourth day.
On the fifth day, there was no water left and they lost hope.

By coincidence, the flying doctors found them and brought the Carter family immediately to the hospital. Now the family is alright, but the little girl has to stay for a while.