

Australia Teacher's Notes A1+

This A1+-level article will give your pupils a good working knowledge of Australian geography.

Vocabulary and Structures

- *be*
- *there is/are*
- locating
- compass points
- descriptions
- numbers
- animals

Interaction

- Have pupils look at a world map.
- Ask: Where is Australia? (*It is in the southern hemisphere.*)
- Have them describe Australia with your help: *It is a very big country. It is an island and a continent. What oceans are east and west of Australia? The Indian Ocean and The Pacific Ocean.*
- We suggest video projecting the article and starting by asking pupils to observe the map and photos.
- Ask about the flag. (*It is blue and I can see the Union Jack (the flag of the United Kingdom). There are six stars on the flag.*) Explain that Australia was a former British colony, explaining the flag and why English is spoken.
- Have the class describe the photos.
- What animals can you see? (*A crocodile, a koala, kangaroos, sheep.*)
- Who can you see? (*Two Aborigines/ Aboriginal men, some surfers, some people in the desert.*)
- Studying the names of the states and territories is a good opportunity to practise location: (*Queensland is north of New South Wales...*). Draw pupils' attention to the compass if they need to be reminded of the cardinal points.

- Have students notice that Tasmania, in the south, is an island and a state.

Reading + Writing

- Have students read texts and do the activities.

Listening + Speaking

- The aural quiz revises the basic geographical information and will help fix the pronunciation of the different names and terms. Stop the recording after each question and ask the class to find the answer, before playing the answer to confirm or correct the response.

Solutions

- A.1.** Canberra
- 2.** the Sydney Opera House
- 3.** Hobart
- 4.** in the centre of Australia / in the Northern Territory.
- B.1.** Uluru
- 2.** koala
- 3.** surfboard
- 4.** sheep
- C.1.** Australia
- 2.** It is in the southern hemisphere / enormous / a continent / an island.
- 3.** Aborigines
- 4.** Canberra
- 5.** six
- 6.** two
- 7.** Example: Queensland is in the north-east.
- 8.** Malcolm Turnbull
- 9.** 24 million
- 10.** the Australian dollar
- 11.** red
- 12.** kangaroos

Transcript

1. In Australia there are:

- a. Six territories and two states.
- b. Six states and two territories.
- c. Eight states.

■ The answer is b. In Australia there are six states and two territories.

2. The capital of Australia is:

- a. Canberra b. London c. Sydney

■ The answer is a. The capital of Australia is Canberra.

3. Koalas eat:

- a. cereal b. steak c. eucalyptus leaves

■ The answer is c. Koalas eat eucalyptus leaves.

4. Australia is in:

- a. The northern hemisphere.
- b. The southern hemisphere.
- c. New Zealand.

■ The answer is b. Australia is in the southern hemisphere.