



## GEOGRAPHY OF AUSTRALIA

Australia

### 1. A "down under" country

Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

|         |            |             |            |           |
|---------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| south   | down under | country     | government | capital   |
| islands | federal    | territories | original   | continent |

1. Australia is the 6<sup>th</sup> largest \_\_\_\_\_ in the world. Its territory is 7,686,850 sq km.
2. Australia is located to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Asia, between the Pacific and Indian Oceans.
3. It is the only country that occupies a complete continent. It is a "\_\_\_\_\_ " country.
4. Australia is the flattest \_\_\_\_\_ after Antarctica.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ name was Terra Australis - The Southern Continent.
6. Australia is a \_\_\_\_\_ state. There are 6 states and 2 territories.
7. Each Australian state has its own \_\_\_\_\_ and capital.
8. The national \_\_\_\_\_ is Canberra. Large cities are Sydney / 3,5 million / and Melbourne / 3 million /.
9. Outlying \_\_\_\_\_ include some \_\_\_\_\_ / the Cocos Islands, Papua, New Guinea /.

### 2. Land and water

|          |         |           |           |         |        |
|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|--------|
| River    | regions | lakes     | desert    | peak    | coast  |
| stations | Park    | continent | mountains | fertile | corals |

1. Australia is divided into 3 \_\_\_\_\_: the E. Highlands, the Central Lowlands, and the W. Plateau.
2. A long chain of \_\_\_\_\_, the Great Dividing Range, runs along the Pacific Ocean.
3. Mt. Kosciuszko is the highest \_\_\_\_\_ of Australia. It rises to 7,328 ft / 2230m /.
4. The land is 3% forest, 2% arable, and 1% pasture. It is also the driest \_\_\_\_\_ in the world.
5. About one third of the land is \_\_\_\_\_. Australia has 4 deserts. Some dunes measure 320 km long.
6. The Great Barrier Reef is a garden under the sea. It has 400 species of \_\_\_\_\_.
7. It runs from 10 to 100 miles off the east \_\_\_\_\_ for 1200 miles.
8. Rivers fill with water only during the rainy season. The Darling \_\_\_\_\_ is the longest / 2,739 km /.
9. The largest \_\_\_\_\_ are Lake Eyre and Lake Torrens.
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ plains are wheat-producing areas. Cattle \_\_\_\_\_ reach the desert.
11. Uluru National \_\_\_\_\_ is a tourist attraction.