

1. How much do you know about Australia? Guess which of these sentences are true and which are false:

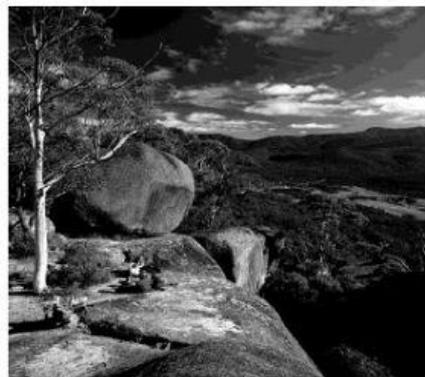
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| 1. Canberra is next to the sea. | T | F |
| 2. Australian people speak two languages, English and Australian. | T | F |
| 3. The Queen of England is also the Queen of Australia. | T | F |
| 4. Canberra is the oldest city in Australia. | T | F |
| 5. The film star Nicole Kidman is Australian. | T | F |

Canberra

Key facts

- Canberra is the capital of Australia, but it isn't the largest city. That is Sydney.
- The population of Canberra is over 350,000.
- Canberra is called the Bush Capital because of its many parks and gardens.

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2 Read about Canberra.

A planned city

In 1908, Australians decided to build a new city between Sydney and Melbourne and make this the capital of the country. They called it Canberra. A fascinating feature of the city is that its road network is circular like a wheel. Canberra is in the southern hemisphere so its summer months are during the European winter. At the end of November, the average temperature is about 23°C.

Historic Australia

There are lots of national monuments in Canberra, including the National Museum of Australia. There are exhibitions on aboriginal history and the relationship between people and the environment. There are also exhibitions on Australian culture, for example, surfing and 'bushrangers' who were 19th century outlaws who lived in the Australian bush (the countryside).

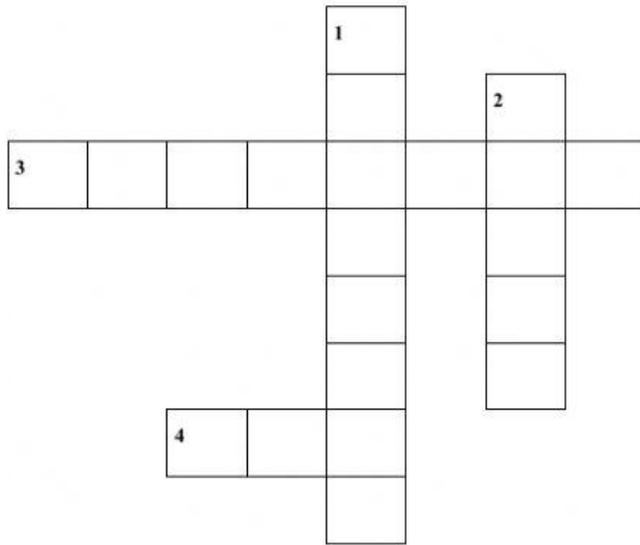
Natural Canberra

The Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve is a protected park near the centre of Canberra. There are many native Australian species in Tidbinbilla, like kangaroos, duckbilled platypus, koalas and emus. There's evidence that the Aboriginal people lived in this area 21,000 years ago.

3 Read the sentences and circle T (true) or F (false).

- 1 Canberra is bigger than Sydney. T F
- 2 The population of Canberra is more than 350,000. T F
- 3 There aren't a lot of parks in Canberra. T F
- 4 Canberra is called the Brush Capital. T F

4 Complete the crossword with animals found in Tidbinbilla Park in Canberra.



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