

AUSTRALIA

Read the text about Australia and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the missing word using the root word on the left as a clue. Write your answers in all capital letters.

For years, Australia has had an (0) IRREGULAR pattern of population distribution, with more people living in towns and cities in (1) _____ areas, especially the east and south-east, than in the interior of the country. Since the 1940s, the population has become still more (2) _____ distributed with a significant rise in the number of people living in these cities. Cities are now the (3) _____ centers of the country. An important element in their (4) _____ has been the number of people from Europe and Asia emigrating to Australia, especially in the second half of the twentieth century. The new (5) _____ decided to stay in the cities because (6) _____ was easy to find there. Today, the population of Australia includes people who originally came from over 150 countries.

At one time, what made the (7) _____ of people in Australia's cities so (8) _____ was the country's dependence on the export of agricultural produce - indeed, the country's economy was founded on the production of wheat and wool. This has since changed, not only with increased (9) _____ activity, but also with the rapid (10) _____ of tourist and recreational facilities. Tourism is now Australia's largest export industry.

