



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 6th 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 stations	regions Park	lakes continent	desert mountains	peak fertile	coast corals
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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. Kosciusko 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.