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TRAVELLING TO AUSTRALIA

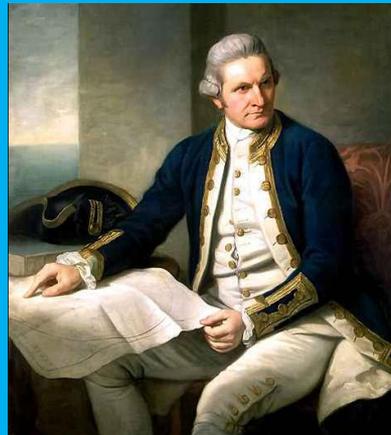
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UNIQUE HISTORY OF AUSTRALIA

- Captain James Cook discovered Australia in 1770. He was sent to discover the huge land that many people believed was south of the equator. He landed south of present day Sydney in New South Wales. He claimed this part of the land for the King of England.
- In 1901 Australia became a nation within the British Empire under Queen Victoria's rule. It was called Commonwealth of Australia. Great Britain continued to make decisions regarding all of Australia's foreign affairs.
- In 1931 Australia gained independence from Great Britain.



James Cook



EMBLEMS OF AUSTRALIA

Australia's coat of arms – the official emblem of the Australian Government – was granted by King George V in 1912. The arms consist of a shield containing the badges of the six states. The supporters are native Australian fauna – a kangaroo and an emu. A yellow – flowered native plant, wattle, also appears in the design.

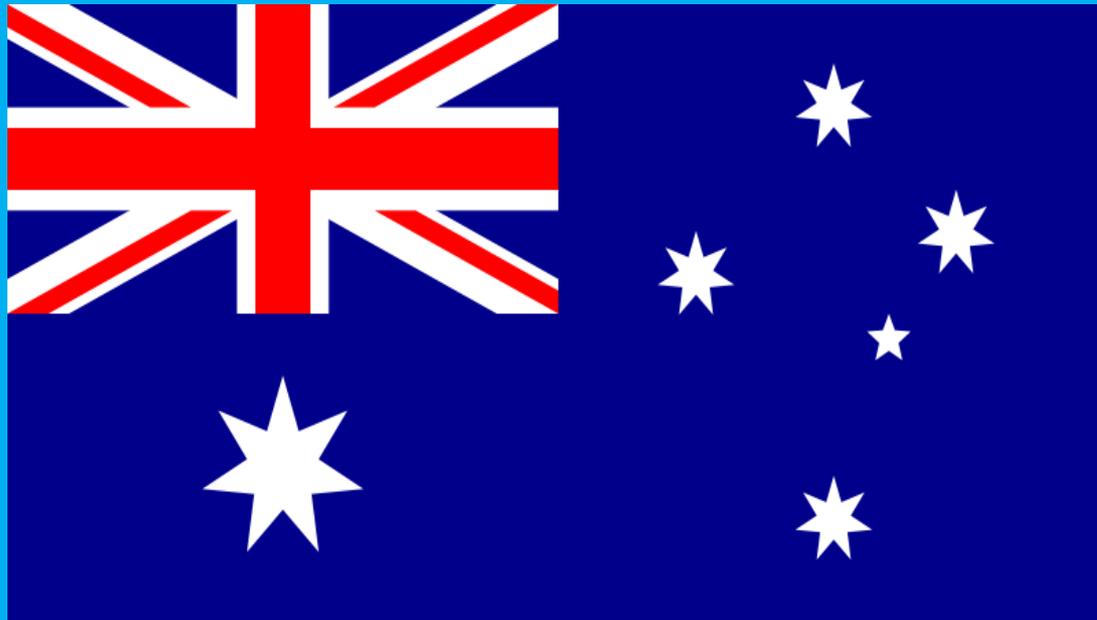


Australia's national day, Australia Day, on 26 January marks the date in 1788 when Captain Arthur Phillip, of the British Royal Navy, commanded a fleet of 11 ships and sailed into Port Jackson.



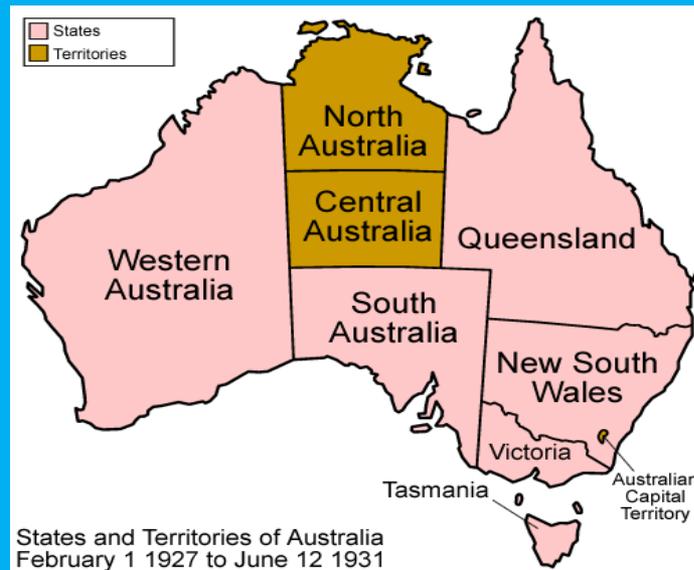
THE FLAG OF AUSTRALIA

- The flag of Australia is the only one to fly over a whole continent. The small Union Jack represents the historical link with Britain, the large seven – pointed star represents the six States and the Territories, and the small stars from the Southern Cross – a prominent feature of the southern hemisphere night sky.



THE LAND

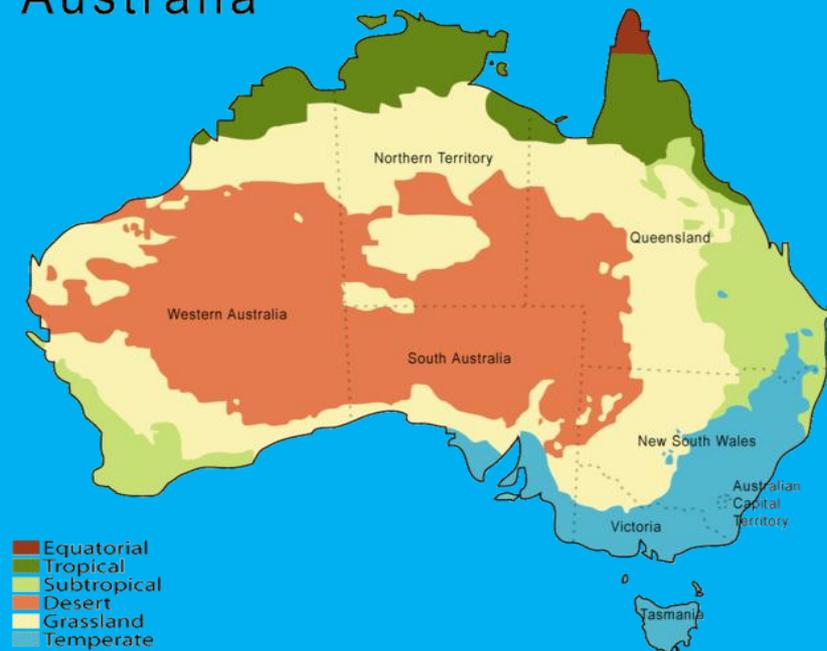
- Australia is the only nation that occupies a whole continent. It's an island of 7,7 million square kilometers. It's the sixth largest country in the world after Russia, Canada, China, the United States of America and Brazil. It's located to the south of Asia, between the Pacific and Indian oceans. Australia is the flattest continent after Antarctica. It is also the world's driest continent.



THE CLIMATE

- The climate in Australia is varied, from tropical in the north to temperate in the south – east. Australia is situated in the southern hemisphere. That's why it has summer when we have winter.

Australia



THE LANGUAGE

- Australia's official language is English. Australian English doesn't differ significantly from other forms of English, although some expressions are unique to Australia.

American	British	Australian
Candy	Sweets	Lollies
Corn	Maize	Corn



THE PEOPLE

- Australia has a population of about 18 million people. 70 per cent of the population live in its 10 largest cities. Canberra is the capital of Australia. It isn't the biggest city. Sydney and Melbourne are much bigger. Australia is a multicultural society. People from about 200 nations live there. The Aborigines, the Australian natives, represent about 1,5 per cent of the population.

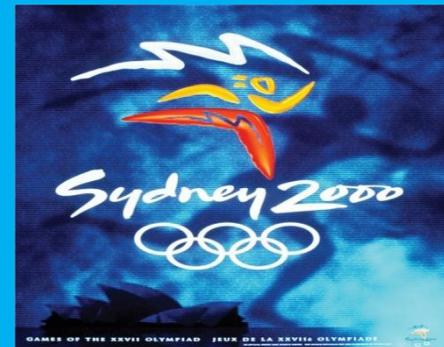


NATIONAL COLORS AND SPORTS

- In 1984 Australia officially adopted green and gold as its national colors.



- Australians love to play and watch sports. The Olympic Games were held in Australia several times.



BIRDS AND ANIMALS

- Australia's best – known animals are the kangaroo, the koala and the dingo (a wild dog). There are 50 species of kangaroo. Some stand as tall as a man and some are as small as a cat. They can often be seen in many of the forests and parks. The koala is the best loved of all Australian animals. The koala lives on leaves alone. About 400 species of birds in Australia are found nowhere else in the world. There are 55 species of parrots in Australia. They are very colorful. The emu is the most interesting bird in Australia. It's big and can't fly. The kangaroo and emu can be seen on Australia's coat of arms. The kookaburra is another interesting Australian bird. It can't sing, but laughs like a human!



Koala



Kangaroo



Emu



Parrots



Dingo

- I hope you enjoyed traveling to Australia. Everybody discovered something new and unusual. To my mind travelling is the best way to learn the world.



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