

Your Task - Choose the Great Barrier Reef or the barren land in Australia and create a poster providing facts about either one to inform people who are considering living there. Think about the pros and cons of each area and what will impact people's decisions.

Red - Use the facts given to help you create your poster.

The Great Barrier Reef

- The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef system and is listed on the Seven Natural Wonders of the World on the UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- This coral reef system consists of 2,900 individual reefs, 900 islands and covers 344,400 square kilometres.
- It is located in the coral sea, north-east coast of Queensland, Australia.
- The Great Barrier Reef stretches over 2600 km and it is between 15 km and 150 km from shore. The width of the reef is up to 65 km.
- The Great Barrier Reef is home to a wide range of life, including over 1500 different species of fish, sea turtles, giant clam, seahorse, sea snakes, nudibranch, sea turtles, stingray, sharks, whales, dolphins and many more.
- The Great Barrier Reef attracts 2 million tourists every year.
- This gives the Great Barrier Reef a huge value to Australia (it contributes \$6.4 billion to Australia's wealth each year).
- It also provides 64,000 jobs.
- This means the area is very busy. We already know this from the last lesson on Australia when we found out that this area was densely populated.

Barren land

- 35% of Australia is barren land, which means these areas are inhabitable.
- They are unable to grow crops, there is limited (if any) access to water sources and almost no transport links to main areas.
- It is dry and hot and has limited water sources, there are only small lakes but not rivers running through.
- It is more difficult to build there because of the poor transport links to main areas and limited access to water sources.
- The climate here limits job opportunities.
- If there are little to no job opportunities then people will choose not to live here.

Yellow - Use the prompting questions to help you create your poster.

The Great Barrier Reef

- What is the Great Barrier Reef? Where is it?
- What creatures live in the Great Barrier Reef?
- Does the Great Barrier Reef attract tourists? How might this help the local area?
- Does the Great Barrier Reef bring in money to the area? With increased money and tourists visiting, will this create jobs for those who live locally?
- What are the pros and cons of living there?

Barren land

- What is the climate like? Does it rain often? Can they grow crops? Is there access to water sources?
- Is it more difficult to build there and why?
- Does it limit jobs?
- Does it affect people wanting to live there?
- What are the pros and cons of living there?

Green - Create your poster. You can use the information from this slide to remind you of facts.