

Can I find interesting facts
about Australia?

Fast five - Where in the world are these pictures located? India or Australia?



Can you locate these pictures? - Answers



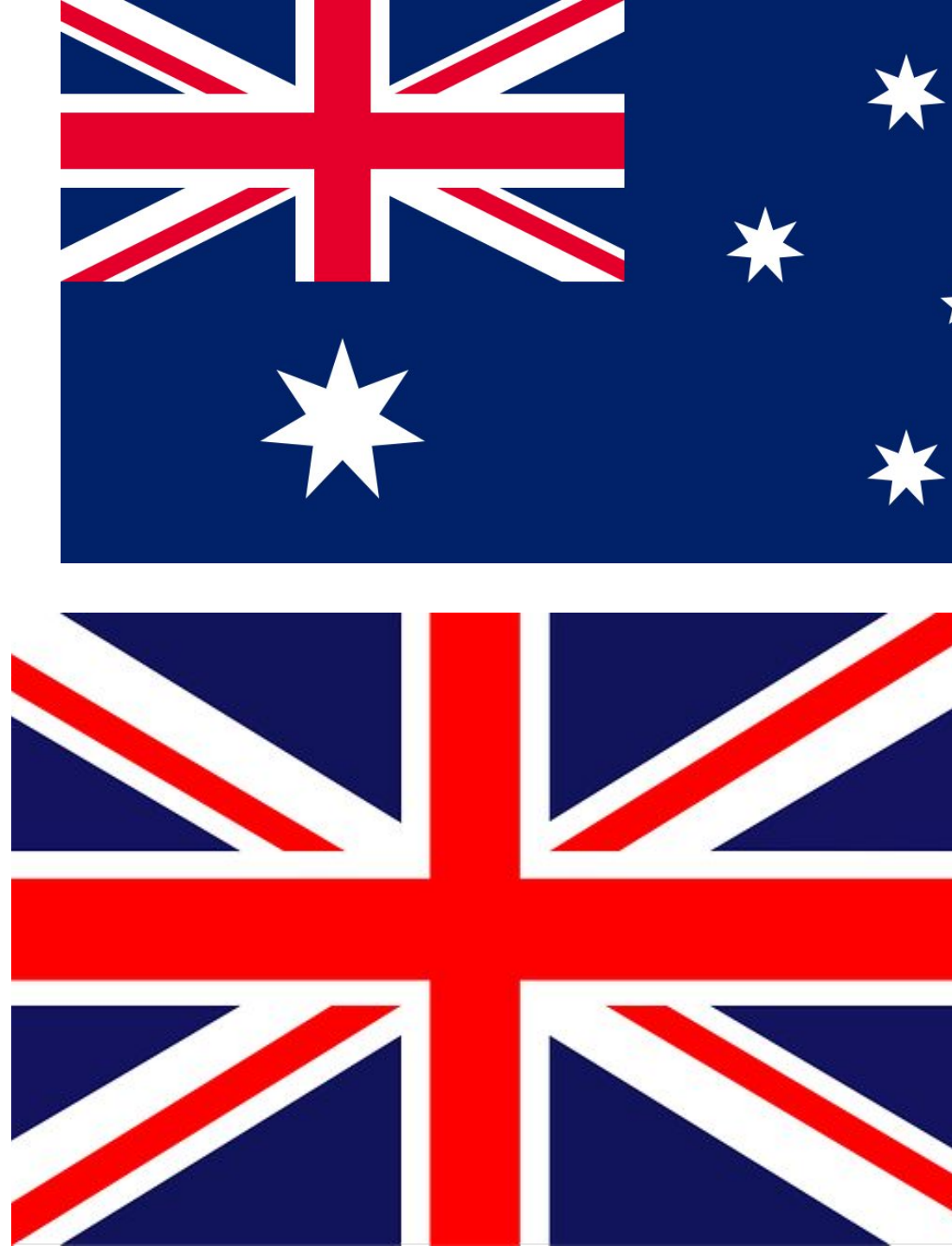
What are the differences between the UK and Australia ?

- Australia 32 times larger than the UK.
- Australia has a population of 24.9 million, that is 41.1 million fewer than the UK which has a population of approximately 66 million.
- The life expectancy of males in the UK is 79.2 years and in Australia it is 85.5 years. For females in the UK is 82.9 years and in Australia it is 87.9 years.



What are the difference between the UK and Australia ?

- Australia's highest point is the Mount Kosciuszko at 2228m which is 884m higher than the UK highest point which is Ben Nevis at 1344m.
- Australia's longest river is Thomson River at 3500km which is 3146km longer than the UK longest river which is River Severn at 354km.
- The temperature is Australia on average is 10 degrees Celsius hotter than the UK.



Your task is to research and make a fact file with lots of interesting facts – On the next page I have give you a few example of how to set it out.

Red

- capital city
- population
- language
- rivers
- mountains

Yellow

- language
- rivers
- mountains
- religion
- climate
- animals

Green

- mountains
- religion
- climate
- animals
- attractions/places
- natural hazards
- history

km from north to south and 4,000 km from east to west. Area wise, it is the sixth largest country in the world. It is the flattest and the driest of continents, after Antarctica. It is also referred to as the 'land down under' because it lies below the equator.



Australia is home to many unique animals

PLATYPUS

the mammal that lays eggs.



KANGAROO

The only animal that carries its young in a pouch.



EMU

A unique flightless bird.



The Australian landscape is so vast and varied; there are deserts, snow clad fields, flat lands, plateaus, rainforests and more. The first occupants of this continent were the aboriginal people who arrived in Australia about 60,000 years ago.

The credit for the European discovery of Australia goes to Captain James Cook in 1770.



Interesting facts about Australia



- Australia is the largest island and the smallest continent in the world. It is two times larger than India.
- Geologists believe Australia to be the world's oldest continent.
- The name Australia is derived from a Latin word 'Australis' that means 'Southern'. It is thus named because it lies entirely to the south of the equator.
- Australia's capital city is Canberra.
- Officially, Australia is also known as 'The Commonwealth of Australia'.



- Two-thirds of Australia is made up of flat desert area.
- The population of Australia is more than 19 million.
- Australia is regarded as the world's thirteenth largest economy.



- Sydney is the biggest city and most populous city in Australia.
- The highest point in the continent is Mount Kosciusko.
- The 2000 km long Great Barrier Reef located in Australia is the world's largest coral reef.



AUSTRALIA

Australia is both a country and a continent. It is the largest island in the Southern Hemisphere and is in both the Indian and the Pacific Oceans.

ANIMALS

Australia has many interesting species of animals including kangaroos, koalas, ostriches, emus, tasmanian devils, and many more.



CLIMATE

Australia is called "The Land Down Under" because it is in the Southern Hemisphere. The seasons are the opposite of ours. Christmas is during the summer.



ARTS

All the arts are well represented in Australia, especially noteworthy are the unique arts influenced by the

An Introduction to Australia



Area: 7,741,220 sq km.

Coastline: 25,760 km.

Climate: Generally arid to semi-arid, temperate in the south and east, tropical in the north.

Terrain: Mostly low plateau with deserts and fertile plains in the south east.

Highest point: Mount Kosciuszko 2,229m.

Natural hazards: Forest fires, severe droughts and cyclones along the coast.

Population: 21,515,754 (July 2010).

Language: English.



NUMBER OF COUNTRIES BIGGER THAN AUSTRALIA

Australia's disused 1c & 2c coins were melted down to create the bronze medals in the 2000 Sydney Olympics

NUMBER OF 'BIG' NOVELTY ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS

OVER 150

INCLUDING A 16M HIGH PINEAPPLE & A 27M TALL KOALA

10,685
NUMBER OF BEACHES

HIGHEST TEMPERATURE EVER RECORDED
50.70°C



ESSENTIAL TRANSLATIONS



Thongs = Flip flops

Pants = Trousers

***** TOP ***
ATTRACTIONS**

SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE
OPERA HOUSE
GREAT BARRIER REEF
ULURU

AUSSIE WILDLIFE

