

Australia Test Review

*Australia is a country but it is also a continent located in the Southern Hemisphere. Its nickname is ***The Land Down Under*** because it is south of the equator. It was first explored by **James Cook**.

*It is surrounded by the **Pacific** and **Indian** oceans.

*The capital is **Canberra**.

*The seasons in Australia are opposite ours (when we have winter they have summer).

*Australians speak **English**.

Know the states, territories and capital cities of Australia:



Places to see in Australia

Ayers rock (also known as **Uluru** to the aborigines) is a huge rock in the center of Australia (in the **outback**).

The Great Barrier Reef- the largest coral reef in the world is off the coast of north eastern Australia (off the state of **Queensland**).

Sydney is home to the world famous Sydney Opera house. This building was designed to look like an old sailing ship. It is located off the coast of New South Wales

Australian animals

Marsupials are animals that carry their young in a pouch on their stomach after birth.

Koalas eat only eucalyptus leaves.

A **platypus** is a mammal that lays eggs (so is the *echidna*!). A platypus has a bill like a duck and webbed feet.

A **monotreme** is a mammal that lays eggs instead of having a live birth like marsupials and other mammals.

Little penguins live along the southern coast of Australia

People of Australia

*Most people in Australia live in large cities along the coast.

*There are many sheep and cattle raised on farms called **stations** in the outback.

*The native Australians are called **aborigines**.

*Many children in Australia cannot attend school in regular classrooms, so they go to what is called ***school on the air***.