



INFO: Australia - First Information

English Reading M 9

What do you know about Australia?

① Warm up

- Look in your New Highlight book pages 10-25. Read the information texts only.
- Do page 3 in your workbook and learn a few fun facts about Australia.

② Information Strips

Look at the pictures and read the information.

If you like, you can also play 'matching pairs' (Memory).

Das Material findest du im Englisch Regal bei den Materialien zu **Australia**.



③ Sort the information to the five topics:

The big cities

The outback

Famous sights

Aborigines

Australian animals and plants

a) Write five lists in your exercise book **or**

b) use the information to make a mindmap about Australia.

④ Speaking activity

Pick your favourite ten information strips and explain to your English teacher at the English Corner why you picked them.

Teacher's Signature/Part 1



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⑤ Can you remember? - Part 1

One of Australia's most famous buildings constructed by the Danish architect Jørn Utzon. ●

Australia's largest inland city, population: about 430.000, capital of Australia ●

One of Sydney's most famous sights, built in 1932. Nickname: The Coathanger ●

A collection of limestone stacks off the shore of Port Campbell National Park in the province of Victoria. ●

A large red rock formation, 863 m high. 450 km away from Alice Springs, holy to the Aborigines ●

Big well-known coastal city. Population: about 1 million ●

Area around the cities. Not as far out than 'the outback'. ●

Unusual rock formation in the Blue Mountains of New South Wales. Located close to the town of Katoomba. ●

The world's largest coral reef system composed of over 2,900 individual reefs and 900 islands. About 2,300 km long. ●

Big well-known coastal city. Population: more than 5 million. Capital of New South Wales. ●

Spectacular rock formation made of several round granite boulders. Holy to the Aborigines. ●

Marsupial which is native to Australia. Australia's national symbol. ●

- Sydney
- Uluru
- Sydney Harbour Bridge
- Twelve Apostles
- Melbourne
- Canberra
- Sydney Opera House
- Devils Marbles/Karlu Karlu
- The Great Barrier Reef
- Kangaroo
- The bush
- Three Sisters





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⑥ Can you remember? Part 2

- Large flightless Australian bird, related to the Austrich. ●
- Tree-climbing animal that looks like a bear but is a marsupial. ●
- Instrument looking like a long pipe that was created by the Aborigines. ●
 - Koala
- Desert town in the outback of Australia in the Northern Territory. ●
 - Fraser Island
 - Boomerang
- Mammal with a long, tube-like mouth, covered in spines. ●
 - Wombat
- Mammal that lays eggs and lives in rivers and on river banks. ●
 - Emu
 - Dingo
- Short-legged, muscular marsupial of about 1 m length which is native to Australia. ●
 - Alice Springs
 - Didgeridoo
- Aboriginal art using stones and sand, used for ceremonies. ●
 - Echidna
 - Dot painting
- A tool originally used by the Aborigines to hunt animals. ●
 - Platypus
- Large World-Heritage listed sand island, located in Queensland. ●
 - Cockatoo
- Wild Australian dog living in packs. ●
- White, grey or black parrot with some coloured feathers. ●

