

Australia



Australia is the largest country in the continent of Australasia. It is found in the Southern Hemisphere and has coasts leading to 3 out of the 5 Oceans of the World. Its capital city is Canberra. Australia's seasons are at opposite times to those in the UK. Summer occurs in December and January while the coldest months are July and August.

Human features:

2 of the best known human features are Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge.



Physical features:

Some of the best known human features are The Great Barrier Reef and Uluru or Ayers Rock.



How does life in Australia differ from life in the UK?

As a result of the much warmer climate in Australia, people spend much more of their time outside. Christmas Day falls within their summer and people who live near to the coast often spend the day on the beach and have a BBQ. Australia also has lots of unique animals which are different to the animals we have in the UK, such as the kangaroo, koala, platypus and Tasmanian Devil.



Key Vocabulary

Environment	The surroundings where a person, animal or plant lives
Climate change	Change in average conditions, such as rainfall or temperature.
Pollution	When something is added to the environment that is harmful or poisonous
Sustainability	Ensuring that a resource, such as water, can be maintained for as long as it is needed
Endangered	A species of animal or plant that is in danger of being gone forever (extinct)
Human feature	Things that have been created by humans eg. Roads, buildings, bridges.
Physical feature	A naturally existing feature – rivers, seas, mountains.

Enquiry question:

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