



Australia Facts

- Australia is located in the southern hemisphere. It is surrounded by Indian and Pacific oceans.
- It is the 6th largest country in the world but with a relatively small population of 26 million.
- Australia is a low, flat and dry continent, split into 4 main **landform** regions; the Western Plateau, Central Lowlands, Eastern Highlands and Coastal plains.
- Australia is a diverse **continent** with many different **biomes**; deserts, rainforests, grasslands and temperate forests.
- Australia covers 3 **climate** zones: Tropical, Arid and Temperate.
- The first settlers in Australia are called indigenous or Aboriginal Australians.
- Australia is split into 6 states including the island of Tasmania.

Valuable Vocabulary

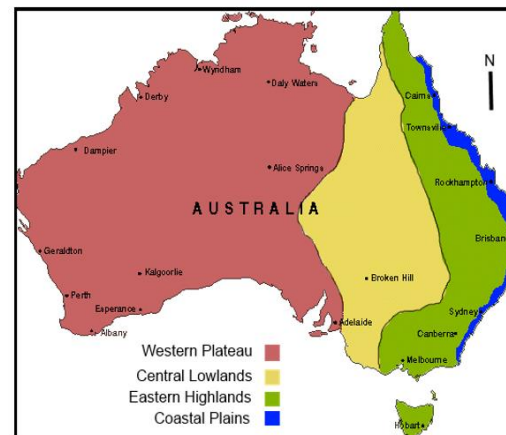
biomes	A large geographical area which is home to certain plants and animal, specially adapted to suit the environment.
climate	The usual or average weather conditions over a long period of time.
continent	A large landmass made up of many countries .
equator	An imaginary line around the globe at latitude 0° north, dividing the earth into northern and southern hemispheres.
flora/fauna Landform	Plant and animal life. A feature of the earth's surface that is part of its terrain, for example, mountains and hills.
latitude	Imaginary parallel lines which circle the globe from east to west.
Longitude	Imaginary lines which run north to south across the globe from pole to pole.
Migration	The movement of people from one country to another.
weather	The specific atmospheric conditions on a given day including temperature and rainfall.

Top Take Aways

After studying this topic you should be able to:

- Locate Australia on a world map, identify the surrounding oceans and compare its size to other countries and continents.
- Name and compare the different landform regions of the continent
- Name the three different climate zones and describe the extreme weather experienced in Australia.
- Describe the population of Australia and explain how migration has affected the population.
- Find similarities and differences between the human and physical geography in your local area and two contrasting areas in Australia.

Landform Regions in Australia



The Great Barrier Reef

