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AUSTRALIA

Australia, the smallest continent and one of the largest countries on Earth, lies between the Pacific and Indian oceans in the Southern Hemisphere. Australia's capital is Canberra, located in the southeast between the larger and more important economic and cultural centres of Sydney and Melbourne.

The Australian mainland extends from west to east for nearly 2,500 miles (4,000 km) and from Cape York Peninsula in the northeast to Wilsons Promontory in the southeast for nearly 2,000 miles (3,200 km). To the south, Australian jurisdiction extends a further 310 miles (500 km) to the southern extremity of the island of Tasmania, and in the north it extends to the southern shores of Papua New Guinea.

Australia has been called "The Last of Lands" in the sense that it was the last continent, apart from Antarctica, to be explored by Europeans. At least 60,000 years before European explorers sailed into the South Pacific, the first Aboriginal explorers had arrived from Asia. When Captain Arthur Phillip of the British Royal Navy landed with the First Fleet at Botany Bay in 1788, there may have been between 250,000 and 500,000 Aboriginals, though some estimates are much higher.

The most striking characteristics of the vast country are its global isolation, its low relief, and the aridity of much of its surface. Australia's isolation from other continents explains much of the singularity of its plant and animal life. Its unique flora and fauna include hundreds of kinds of eucalyptus trees and the only egg-laying mammals on Earth, the platypus* for example. Other plants and animals associated with Australia are various acacias and dingoes, kangaroos and koalas. The Great Barrier Reef, off the east coast of Queensland, is the greatest mass of coral in the world and one of the world's main tourist attractions. The country's low relief results from the long and extensive erosive action of the forces of wind, rain, and the heat of the sun during the great periods of geologic time when the continental mass was elevated well above sea level. Isolation is also a pronounced characteristic of much of the social landscape beyond the large coastal cities.

Australia has a federal form of government, with a national government for the Commonwealth of Australia and individual state governments (those of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, and Tasmania). Each state has a constitution, and its government exercises a limited degree of sovereignty. There are also two internal territories: Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory (including the city of Canberra).

https://www.britannica/countries_of_the_world (adapted)

*Platypus: *ornitorrinco*

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1) Read the text and answer the following questions with full sentences: (2 marks)

1. Where is Australia located?
2. Which three cities does the text mention?
3. Why has Australia been called “the Last of Lands”?
4. Why do you think Australia has a unique flora and fauna?
5. What kind of Government does Australia have?

2. Ask the right questions for these sentences. The underlined words are the answers that you don't know. (2 marks)

Example:

My name's Mary

What's your name?

1. David likes rap music.

2. I've eaten three apples today.

3. The nearest petrol station is 2 miles from here.

4. My brother's an engineer.

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5. I met Sally last weekend.

6. This sweater costs 10 euros.

7. This book is John's

8. I'll go to New York by plane.

9. We've spent a few months in this city.

10. I called you because I was worried.

3. Choose the correct answer.

(2 marks)

Example: *Please come with me to the party (I / my / me)*

1. Stephen and I live in London. _____ flat is big. (we / our / us)

2. This actress is the _____ woman in the world. (most pretty / prettiest / prettier)

3. You _____ wear a scarf and coat. It's freezing. (mustn't / should / may)

4. My brother lives here _____ the fourth floor (in / on / at)

5. "I can't do this math exercise". "Don't worry. I _____ you" (help / will help / helping)

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6. I haven't got ____ money (some / a/ any)
7. My parents _____ to France. (never have been / have never been /has never been)
8. Those pens are _____. (mine / my / mines)
9. Where _____ you yesterday when I called you? (was / were / been)
10. Paul _____ (was born / borned / had born) in 1962.
11. I always go to school _____ car (in / by / on)
12. Susie is very happy, she _____ next week (is getting married / is marrying / will marry)
13. My cousins are coming with _____ children. (his / their / them)
14. In 1914 _____ a terrible war in the world (there was /there were/ they were)
15. My phone is _____ your new phone. (more good than / better than / best than)
16. _____ you like a cup of coffee? (Would / Are / Could)
17. He's very old, he _____ 98 years old. (has / is / have)
18. I think he hasn't got _____ brothers or sisters. (some / any / much)
19. I have _____ done my homework (since / yet / already)
20. That novel _____ by Charles Dickens. (wrote / writing / was written)

4. Some words are opposite. Write the opposite of these words:

Example: *Open/close; cold/ hot*

(1 mark)

Easy / _____; Boring / _____; Noisy / _____; Wrong / _____;

Heavy / _____; False / _____; Alive / _____; Happy / _____;

Dirty / _____; Awful / _____

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5. Present Continuous or Present Simple? Complete the sentence with the verb in the correct form. (1 mark)

Example: I go to school every day. (*I/go*)

- a) What _____ this weekend? (*You/do*)
- b) Where _____ so fast? They look worried. (*They/go*)
- c) She _____ for a job now. (*She/look*)
- d) I can't help you today, I _____ (*I/work*)
- e) What _____ for lunch on weekdays? (*You/have*)

6. Write a paragraph of 40 or 50 words about a person you admire (someone you know or a famous person). (2 marks)