





1. Read the Text:

Australia is an enormous country and continent. There are six states and two territories. Australia is a multi - cultural country. People from all over the world go to live there. Only 250 years ago it was not the English - speaking country.

Aborigines were the first Australians. The word "aboriginal" means "the first" or "earliest known". They arrived 4 million years ago. They lived in family groups, hunting, fishing and food gathering settled throughout the entire continent many thousands of years before the white man came.





In 1788, Captain James Cook declared Australia **British colony**. At first, Britain sent prisoners to Australia, because the prisons were full in Britain. Then other people went too. After 1850 people went there to look for gold. In the twentieth century Australia needed people with skills, and in the 1960s a lot of European workers went there.

Today, it is an **independent nation**. A quarter of the population is recent immigrants.

Today, most Australians live in big cities on the coast. **Sydney and Melbourne** are the largest cities in Australia. Because Australia is one of the driest areas in the world, not many people live away from the coast. However, it is also a very large country and it has got a lot of different landscapes from tropical rain forests to snow-topped mountains.





Australia has some of the most unusual animals in the world. It is the only place in the world today where animals carry their babies inside body pouches. These animals are koalas, kangaroos, wombats, wallabies and others.





2. Answer the questions:

1. Why is Australia a multi – cultural country?
2. Was it always an English speaking country?
3. How did the native inhabitants live millions of years ago?.
4. Who were sent to Australia by the British and why?
5. Is Australia still a British colony?
6. What are the largest cities in Australia?
7. Why most people live near the cost?
8. What landscapes does Australia have?
9. Why are Australian animals so characteristic?



3. Fill in the missing words from the box:



Aborigines	mountain	native
Aborigines	inhabitants	view
dessert	land	red

Ayers Rock is called Uluru by the 1) A...who are the 2) 1... of the 3) n... 4)

Uluru is a 5) r... 6) m ... and it is possible to climb it, but the 7) A... don't like that.

From top of the red rock you can have a wonderful 8) v... of the 9) d... .



4. Choose the correct variant to complete the sentences:

1) Australia is the smallest ... in the world.

- a) island b) country c) continent

2) The country is washed by the Pacific and the... Oceans.

- a) Atlantic b) Indian c) Arctic

3) The area of Australia is ... km².

- a) 7,6 million b) 10 million c) 5,1 million

4) The population of the country is ... people.

- a) 10 million b) 22,5 million c) 67 million

5) Australia consists of ... states and ... territories.

- a) 10,2 b) 8, 2 c) 6, 2

6) ... is the largest state.

- a) Victoria b) Queensland c) Western

7) ... is the smallest state of Australia.

- a) South Australia b) Tasmania c) Victoria

8) The capital city of Australia is...

- a) Canberra b) Perth c) Adelaide

9) The largest city of Australia is...

- a) Melbourne b) Sydney c) Brisbane

10) Australian native inhabitants are called....

- a) Indians b) Aborigines c) Maori

11) The world's largest monolith is called...

- a) Aluru b) Oluru c) Uluru

12) You can see a... and an emu on the coat-of-arms.

- a) koala b) kangaroo c) echidna

