

Australia

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The story step by step

- 1 Listen to Welcome to Australia (from 'Between 1788 ...' to '... as Western Europe.'). List the names of the six states and two territories that you hear. The first one is an example. Check your answers on p.6 of the book or in the answer key.

Queensland

- 2 Listen to Chapter 1 (from 'The island continent ...' to '... and plant life.'). Complete the text with the missing information you hear. The first one is an example. Check your answers on p.8 of the book or in the answer key.

The island continent of Australia lies between the Indian and Pacific Oceans in the region of _____ in the southern hemisphere. It is often described as the Earth's largest _____ but smallest _____ (the other continents are Asia, Africa, North America, South America, _____ and Europe, in order of size from largest to smallest). It is also the lowest, the _____ and, apart from Antarctica, the driest continent. The country is _____ and varied in every way – in climate, landscape, people, history, _____ and animal and plant life.

- 3 Listen to the next section of Chapter 1 (from 'Australia's way of life ...' to '... the climate is temperate.'). Complete the text with the missing percentages you hear. Check your answers on p.9 of the book or in the answer key.

Australia's way of life has traditionally been influenced by European culture, but today Australian society is multicultural: in 2011, about _____ % of the population had been born in the UK, _____ % in New Zealand, _____ % in China, just over _____ % in India and _____ % in Italy. More than _____ % of Australians live near or on the coast, and _____ % of the population live in urban areas (towns or cities), which makes Australia one of the most urbanized countries in the world.

Climate

About _____ % of the country is very dry and nearly _____ % of the country is desert. Most of the desert areas are in the centre and in the west. Parts of northern Australia are tropical and have heavy rainfall in the summer, but are dry in the winter. In the south-east and the south-west corners the climate is temperate.

- 4 Listen to Chapter 1 (from 'New Zealand is probably ...' to '... the All Blacks.'). Match the beginnings of the sentences you hear (1–11) with the ends (a–k). The first one is an example. Check your answers on p.16 of the book or in the answer key.

1 The North Island and the South Island	a is the largest active volcano.
2 The capital city Wellington	b are called Māoris.
3 White Island volcano	c is at the southern end of the North Island.
4 Earthquakes are very common because the country	d from islands in Polynesia near Tahiti.
5 The native people of New Zealand	e who named it Nieuw Zeeland after a region in the Netherlands.
6 They first arrived in the islands by boat in AD 1000	f is rugby.
7 They named the country Aotearoa,	g are separated by the Cook Strait.
8 In the 1600s, it was visited by the Dutch,	h live in New Zealand.
9 In 1907,	i which means 'The Land of the Long White Cloud'.
10 Today, just over four million people	j is on the edge of two tectonic plates.
11 The most popular sport	k it became part of the British Empire.

- 5 Listen to Chapter 2 (from 'About 40,000 ...' to '... language and territory.'). Write what happened on each of these dates. The first one is an example. Check your answers on pp.17–18 of the book or in the answer key.

1 40,000 years ago	<i>The first people arrived in Australia.</i>
2 34,000 years ago	
3 20,000 years ago	
4 12,000 years ago	
5 8,000 years ago	
6 in the 18 th century	

6 Listen to Chapter 2 (from 'Social Structure ...' to '... ceremonies and rituals.'). Match the words with the definitions. The first one is an example. Check your answers on p.20 of the book or in the answer key.

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| 1 band | a these people share the same language and customs |
| 2 clan | b this is one of the two groups in a tribe |
| 3 family group | c people who share the same totem |
| 4 moiety | d a number of groups of families in the same territory |
| 5 totemic group | e two or more families |
| 6 tribe | f a man and his wife or wives and children |

7 Listen to Chapter 3 (from 'The native cultures ...' to '... 6,000 years old.'). Put the words into the correct column according to their stress patterns. The first one is an example. Check your answers in a dictionary or in the answer key.

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8 Listen to Chapter 5 (from 'In the Middle Ages ...' to '... a penal settlement.'). Complete the sentences from the chapter with the correct verbs below. The first one is an example. Check your answers on pp.31–32 of the book or in the answer key.

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 were made would help support

- 1 Europeans did not know for sure that the continent of Australia existed.
- 2 They _____ that a 'Great Southern Land', or *Terra Australis* _____.
- 3 Many years before in the 2nd century AD, the Greek mathematician Ptolemy _____ that there was land to the south of the Indian Ocean.
- 4 In the 15th century, Terra Australis _____ to appear on world maps as a large area of land.
- 5 The first recorded discoveries of the Australian continent by Europeans _____ in 1606.
- 6 European ships _____ a few more visits to the continent before the British government _____ Captain Cook in 1768 to go and _____ the 'Great Southern Land'.
- 7 On 23rd August 1770, following the orders of the British government, he _____ the region he _____ just _____ for Britain.

- 8 There were several reasons why Great Britain _____ in having Australia as part of its Empire.
- 9 A base for British merchant ships in the Pacific _____ and _____ this trade.
- 10 Another reason was because it _____ to establish a colony for convicts there, known as a penal settlement.

9 Listen to Chapter 5 (from 'Nearly half of Australia's mammals, ...' to '... Ollie the kookaburra.'). List all the animals that you hear. The first one is an example. Check your answers on pp.41–43 of the book or in the answer key.

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| 1 <u>kangaroo</u> _____ | 8 _____ |
| 2 _____ | 9 _____ |
| 3 _____ | 10 _____ |
| 4 _____ | 11 _____ |
| 5 _____ | 12 _____ |
| 6 _____ | 13 _____ |
| 7 _____ | |

10 Listen to Chapter 6 (from 'Until the middle of ...' to '... meat or fish to cook.'). Circle all the foods and drinks you hear. The first one is an example. Check your answers on pp.48–50 of the book or in the answer key.

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| apple | pasta |
| <u>beef</u> | pear |
| bread | pineapple |
| butter | pizza |
| cheese | rabbit |
| chicken | rice |
| chocolate | snake |
| coffee | tea |
| echidna | water |
| fish | witchetty grubs |
| honey | wheat |
| kakadu plum | wombat |
| oranges | |

11 Listen to Chapter 7 (from 'Watching films ...' to '... starred Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman.'). Put these films in the correct date order (not the order that you hear them). Then listen again and write the correct date. The first one is an example. Check your answers on pp.55–56 of the book or in the answer key.

Film	Order	Date
a Australia	10	2008
b 'Crocodile' Dundee		
c Happy Feet		
d Moulin Rouge		
e Muriel's Wedding		
f Picnic at Hanging Rock		
g Rabbit-Proof Fence		
h Shine		
i The Story of the Kelly Gang		
j Strictly Ballroom		

12 Listen to Chapter 9 (from 'Sport is an important ...' to '... the history of Australian sport.'). Complete the missing information about sport in Australia. The first one is an example. Check your answers on pp.61–67 of the book or in the answer key.

1 Australian rules football

Australian rules football is played with an oval ball on an _____ field. The game was invented in _____ and the first match was played in July _____. The Australian Football League (AFL) has _____ teams, and most of them come from the state of _____. The AFL Grand _____ is on the last _____ in _____ or the first _____ in _____.

2 Cricket and The Ashes series

Cricket started to become a popular sport in the _____, and the first cricket club began in the _____. In 1861–62 an English team sailed to Australia and played their first match on _____ 1862. In 1868 an _____ team, all _____, played a match in London. In 1882 Australia _____ England for the first time and the _____ shocked England. One journalist wrote, 'English cricket _____ at The Oval. The body will be _____ and the _____ taken to Australia.'

3 Tennis and the Australian Open

The first recorded tennis _____ took place at the Melbourne _____ Club. Then Australian players started competing in _____ tournaments. The _____ Open started in 1905 and changed its name to the _____ Open in 1969. The tournament is held at the Rod Laver _____. Rod Laver was one of Australia's _____ tennis players.

4 Horse racing and the Melbourne Cup

The most _____ horse race in Australia is the Melbourne Cup. It is known as 'the race that stops a _____'. It takes place on the first _____ in _____, at 3.20 p.m. People everywhere stop to listen to the _____ or watch it on _____.

5 Surfing

Surfing is a _____ Australian sport. However, the _____ around Australia can be _____ for surfers. In 2012 there were five _____ from _____ attacks in Western Australia. The box _____ and the irukandji _____ have also caused several _____ over the years.

6 The 2000 Summer Olympics

The 2000 Summer Olympics were held in _____. Team Australia took _____ place in the Olympic medal table with _____ medals. The _____ of carrying the Australian _____ at the closing _____ was given to one of the group's youngest members, the 17-year-old _____ Ian Thorpe.

- 13** Listen to Chapter 10 (from 'A man with an unusual talent' to '... this amazing country.'). Complete the text with the correct verbs in the correct form. The first one is an example. Check your answers on p.81 of the book or in the answer key.

Finally, a famous Australian who became a popular TV personality after his series of documentary films about crocodiles _____ first _____ on Australian TV in 1996 – the wildlife expert and environmentalist, Steve Irwin.

Irwin _____ from a family of animal lovers. His parents' hobby _____ after injured animals and in 1970 they both _____ their jobs so that they _____ a small reptile park in Queensland. His father Bob _____ all the crocodiles and snakes for the park himself and, when he _____ his son was interested in reptiles too, _____ him how to do it. Steve was just nine years old when he _____ his first crocodile!

Steve _____ the park in 1991, changing the name to Australia Zoo. In the same year he _____ Terri Raines, an American wildlife expert, who he _____ eight months later. They _____ to spend the first weeks of their married life catching crocodiles and _____ a camera crew to film them doing it. The film later _____ the first part of their popular television series *The Crocodile Hunter*. The shows _____ later _____ by millions of people all around the world and Steve _____ to make a full-length film and several other TV films about crocodiles.

Sadly, in 2006 Irwin _____ by a stingray while filming in the sea near the northern Queensland coast.

Australia _____ often _____ to as 'The Lucky Country' and there are plenty of reasons why that _____ true. It _____ friendly people, a good climate, interesting and unique wildlife, beautiful beaches, healthy natural food, a huge amount of important natural resources and a rich cultural and sports calendar. It _____ not surprising that Australians _____ very proud of their country and their heritage, and _____ the lives they _____ in this amazing country!