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Australian National flag



The 5 stars on the right represent the Southern Cross. The points on the star on the left represents the states and territories of Australia and the Union Jack represents the link to the British Commonwealth.

Aboriginal flag



The Aboriginal flag represents the Aboriginal history. The yellow disc in the middle represents the sun. The black represents the Aboriginal people and the red represents the red earth.

This is where Australia is on the world map. Click again to see the arrow



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In Australia there are 6 states and 2 territories.

Canberra is the capital of Australia. It was chosen because the two biggest cities, Melbourne and Sydney couldn't agree on which one of them were going to be the capital city so Canberra was picked because it was in between the two of them.



This is a map of the Aboriginal lands of Australia. The Aboriginal and the Ferran Torres Strait Islanders were the first people to inhabit Australia.

As a sign of respect to the indigenous people more places in Australia are now using their indigenous names.



Australia is famous for its unique wildlife. It is the only country to have marsupials. Marsupials are animals who carry their young until they are grown up. Some of them are very cute...



Kangaroo



Koala



Platypus



Bandicoot



Dingo



Kookaburra



Emu



Bilby



Sugar Glider



Wombat



Echidna



Cockatoo



Wallaby



Thorny Devil



Tasmanian Devil



Frilled Neck Lizard

.....but some are very deadly!



Crocodile



Great White Shark



Funnel Web Spider



Box Jellyfish



Monitor Lizard



Inland Taipan

Australians love their sport.



Cricket



Rugby



Swimming



Surfing



Cycling



Netball

Although they play soccer (football) a more popular sport is Australian rules football.

In Aussie Rules Football you can use your hands as well as your feet.



It can be very rough!



In Aussie Rules you have 4 posts on each end. Two inner posts and two outer posts. You score 6 points from scoring in the inner posts. If you score between an outer post and an inner post you score a behind, behinds are worth 1 point



The ball looks like a rugby ball



But it can be magical!

HAWTHORN	GOALS	BEHINDS	TOTAL	FULL TIME	GOALS	BEHINDS	TOTAL	FREMANTLE
	11	11	77		8	14	62	

The score is very confusing!

SURPRISING FACTS

Penguins live in Australia!
They nest in the centre of
Melbourne!



You can Ski in
Australia!



The world's longest
Chinese dragon is in
Bendigo, Australia.



GREAT BARRIER REEF

The great barrier reef is the largest reef in the world.



It is so big you can see it from outer space!



US IN AUSTRALIA



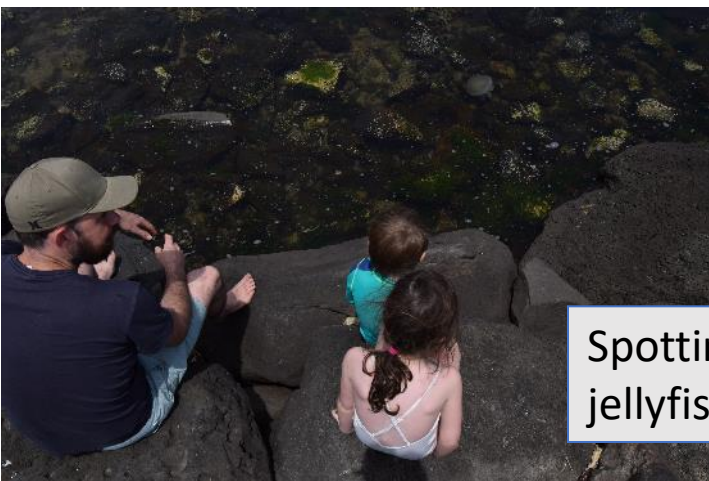
Panning for gold in Bendigo.



Relaxing with our family.



Our cousin's pet blue tonged skink.



Spotting a jellyfish.



Exploring in 'the bush'.



The fire crew came out to put out a fire that could have spread to the bush.

Our dad is from Australia and met my mum when she lived there. Our Australian family live in Melbourne and Bendigo so we went to visit.

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