

Výukový materiál v rámci projektu OPVK 1.5 Peníze středním školám

Číslo projektu:	CZ.1.07/1.5.00/34.0883
Název projektu:	Rozvoj vzdělanosti
Číslo šablony:	II/2
Datum vytvoření:	22. 10. 2012
Autor:	Mgr. Jana Jeřábková
Určeno pro předmět:	Anglický jazyk
Tematická oblast:	Cestování, komunikace a svět kolem nás
Obor vzdělání:	Masér 69-41-M/001 - 4. ročník
Název výukového materiálu:	Australia
Druh výukového materiálu:	Pracovní list s výkladem k tématu Austrálie a testem ke slovní zásobě.
Čas:	40 minut
Využití:	Výkladová část k tématu Austrálie s otevřenými otázkami a testem ke slovní zásobě.

Australia

Geography

Australia is situated between the Pacific and the Indian Oceans in the southern hemisphere.

Australia is the **continent** in the world and is mostly flat, except for **Great Dividing Range**.

There are mostly **plains** in Australia and a great part of the surface is **desert** – the **Great Sandy Desert** and the **Great Victoria Desert**.

Australia has the **Australian Alps** and the **Great Dividing Range** on the eastern coast.

The highest peak is

Major rivers are the **Murray** and the **Darling**.

The **largest piece of rock** in the world is (or **Uluru**).

The name comes from Latin **Terra Australis** = **southern land** as people called it in the past.

Australia has more than **2 000 national parks** and nature reserves that range from desert landscape to high mountains to coastal **dunes** and rainforests.

Climate

Australian seasons are the of the northern hemisphere. Summer starts in December, autumn in March, winter in June and spring in September. In Australia, there is a huge central desert surrounded by a semi-desert zone, tropical zone with heavy summer rainfalls in the north and in the south and southwest, the summers are hot and dry and winters are mild.

History

The island was discovered by Captain in 1770. He landed in today's Sydney and explored the eastern coast. The Dutch seaman **Abel Tasman** discovered Tasmania. The first European settlers were mostly convicts.

Flag

The Australian flag consists of a small in the top left corner on a blue background and the Southern Cross constellation. There is a seven-pointed star, the Commonwealth star represents the six states and one point is for the territories.

The Australian **currency** is

Official language is

Examples of Australian English

Australian English uses a lot of shortenings, e. g. **Oz** for Australia, **Aussie** for Australian, **Poms** for Englishmen, **roo** for a kangaroo.

Typical animals and plants

Australia has a lot of unique animals like Typical plants of this country include **eucalyptus** and the national flower is **wattle**.

Original inhabitants

The original inhabitants are the **Aborigines**. They arrived **from Asia** about 40 000 years ago when Australia wasn't a separate island. They used for hunting. Now they live in

Population

There are about **18** million inhabitants in the country. The majority is of **British origin** and most of them live on the **eastern coast**. There are mostly almost uninhabited areas - "**outback**".

There are big **distances** between farms so they mostly communicate through **radio**. A is an important means of transport there and because of them there are "**flying doctors**".

Sport

The Australians like playing

Political system

Australia is a member of the **British Commonwealth of Nations**. It is a **dominion** with **the Queen** as the head of the country. Its official name is the Commonwealth of Australia.

The Queen of the United Kingdom is also the **queen** of Australia but in practise the **Governor General** performs all functions in the Queen's absence.

This country is divided into **six** and **two**

Cities

The **capital** city is (of aboriginal origin - it means "meeting place").

The **largest** and the **oldest city** is **Sydney** with typical sites - the **Harbour Bridge** and (it looks like sailing boats / waves breaking on the shore). It has nearly 60 kilometres of beaches with the perfect Mediterranean-like climate.

The **largest cities** are

Melbourne is the **second largest city** and **financial** and **commercial centre** and also **the centre of Australian football, cricket, horse racing, tennis and golf**. There are many parks and gardens (The Royal Botanic Garden).

Economy

Australia exports **coal, wheat** and **petroleum products**. **Coal, oil, natural gas, iron ore, gold, lead, zinc** are mined in Australia.

Agriculture

The principal crops grown in Australia are **wheat** and **barley**.

Australian farmers raise **sheep** and **cattle**. Australian sheep comprise one quarter of all wool in the world.

Export products of Australian agriculture are **milk, wool, eucalyptus** and **pine timber**.

Places of interests

Tasmania

Tasmania is an island state off the south eastern coast of Australia. The island is sometimes called “the apple isle”. More than one fifth of Tasmania is covered by national parks. It is home to a rare animal – The animal was named by European settlers because they were terrified by its shrieking and groaning sound.

Kangaroo Island

Australian wildlife is preserved there because rabbits, foxes and other European animals were never introduced onto the island unlike the Australian mainland.

Kakadu National Park

Visitors can see Aboriginal rock paintings, crocodiles, water birds or cockatoo there.

Ayers Rock

Ayers Rock is a huge in Uluru National Park.

Great Barrier Reef

Great Barrier Reef is the world’s coral reef where people can dive and see tropical fishes and rich marine life.

HW:

1. Which European animals were brought onto Australian island?

.....

2. Name famous personalities living in Australia.

.....

.....

3. Have you ever been to Australia?

.....

4. Would you like to visit Australia and why?

.....

TEST

krajina	hlavní	v minulosti
poušť	rovinatý	nejvyšší hora
skála	korálový útes	vzácná zvířata
ostrov	dobytek	vlna (ovčí)
zemní plyn	uhlí	pustina
pobřeží	rezervace	původní obyvatelé
vlajka	jižní polokoule	koňské závody
pevnina	pískovec	osadník / osídlovatel