



**1. Read the statements below and say if they are true or false. Then read the text about Australia and verify your answers.**

The capital of Australia is Sydney.

It is divided into states and territories.

The capital belongs to the New South Wales.

The Great Barrier Reef is a famous skiing resort.

The highest mountain is Mount Kosciuszko.

Melbourne is well-known for the Opera House and Harbour bridge.

There live animals that belong to the family of marsupials.

## **Australia**

**Australia** is officially called the **Commonwealth of Australia**. It is a federal parliamentary democracy and constitutional monarchy. The federation comprises six states and several territories. The population of 23 million is highly urbanised and heavily concentrated in the eastern states.

**Australian Capital Territory** (abbreviated **ACT**) is a territory in the south east of Australia, enclaved within New South Wales. It is the smallest self-governing internal territory in Australia. The only city is Canberra, the capital city of Australia.

The largest city is Sydney. It is built on hills surrounding Port Jackson which is commonly known as Sydney Harbour, where the iconic Sydney Opera House and the Harbour Bridge feature prominently.

The **Great Barrier Reef** is the world's largest coral reef system. The Great Barrier Reef can be seen from outer space and is the world's biggest single structure made by living organisms. The Great Barrier Reef has long been known to and used by the Aboriginal Australian and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and is an important part of local groups' cultures and spirituality. The reef is a very popular destination for tourists, especially in the Whitsunday Islands and Cairns regions. Tourism is an important economic activity for the region, generating over \$3 billion per year.

**Marsupials** are an infraclass of mammals living primarily in Australia; a distinctive characteristic, common to most species, is that the young are carried in a pouch. Well-known marsupials include kangaroos, wallabies, the koala, possums, opossums, wombats and the Tasmanian devil. Less well-known species of marsupials include the numbat, bandicoots, the bilby and quolls.

2. Describe what you can see in the pictures and find out how it is connected with Australia, use the Internet, maps, other sources:

