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# AUSTRALIA



## What basic facts do you know about Australia?

The official name of the country is the Commonwealth of Australia.

The country has an area of about 8 million square kilometers. It consists of Australia, Tasmania and a number of smaller islands (Cocos Islands, Kangaroo Island and others).

Australia is the only country in the world that is also a continent.

It is the largest island in the world and the smallest continent.

Australia is situated in the south-west of the Pacific Ocean.

## History of Australia

Australia's first settlers were the Aborigine. About the time of European settlement they had a primitive life-style. The directions in which Aboriginal society could develop were limited by their environment and lack of contact with other **peoples**.

Because of its position Australia was the last continent discovered by the Europeans. The continent **was discovered** by the Dutch in 1606, who called it New Holland. In 1770 the English captain James Cook discovered the East Coast of Australia.

The name of the country comes from the Latin word "australis" which means "southern". Captain Matthew Flinders in 1804 proposed the name of Australia, but the term **did not come into general use** until the 1820s.

**Task: Explain the expressions written in bold.**

## What can you tell me about the Australian system of government?

The Commonwealth of Australia is a federation of states. The country consists of 6 states (Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia) and 2 territories (the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory). The Capital Territory is the land around the Federal Capital. The capital of the country is Canberra.

The Commonwealth of Australia is a self-government federal state and a member of the Commonwealth of Nations. It is a constitutional monarchy. Formally the head of the state is the queen of England represented by the *Governor-General* and 6 *State Governors*. But the queen has little power in the Australian government. The country is governed by a constitution adopted in 1901.

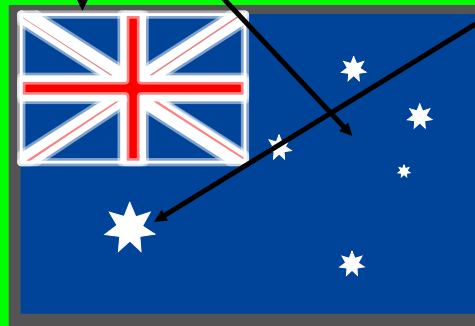




Australia - states

Australian national flag has three main features:

five white stars of the Southern Cross in the right half, the white Commonwealth star on a blue background with a small Union Jack that represents the historical link with Britain.



the Southern Cross



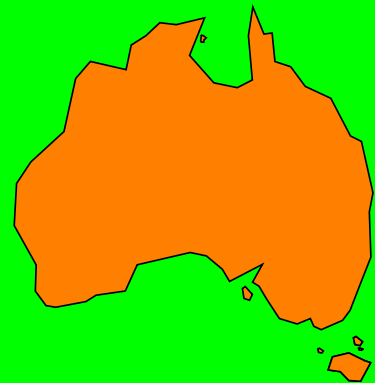
The national anthem of Australia is "Advance Australia Fair".

It was adopted in the 1970s.

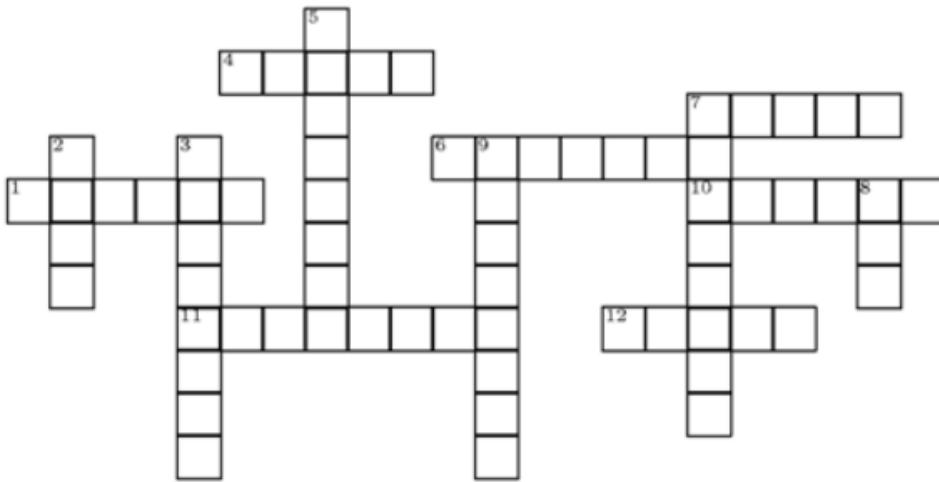
The royal anthem "God save the Queen" is used in the presence of the Queen or the members of the royal family.

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Most of the Australians live in the cities of the east coast. But even these cities are not very big. There are only about 20 million people in Australia. Most of them are of British origin. The first people in Australia were Aborigines, but today there are only 40,000 full aborigines in the country. In recent years a lot of people have come from other European countries and from Asia. The official language is English.



## Solve the puzzle.



### ACROSS

- 1 The longest river of Australia.
- 4 An Australian animal, which lives in trees.
- 6 A toothless anteater of Australia.
- 10 The largest city and port of Australia.
- 11 The capital of South Australia.
- 12 The wild dog.

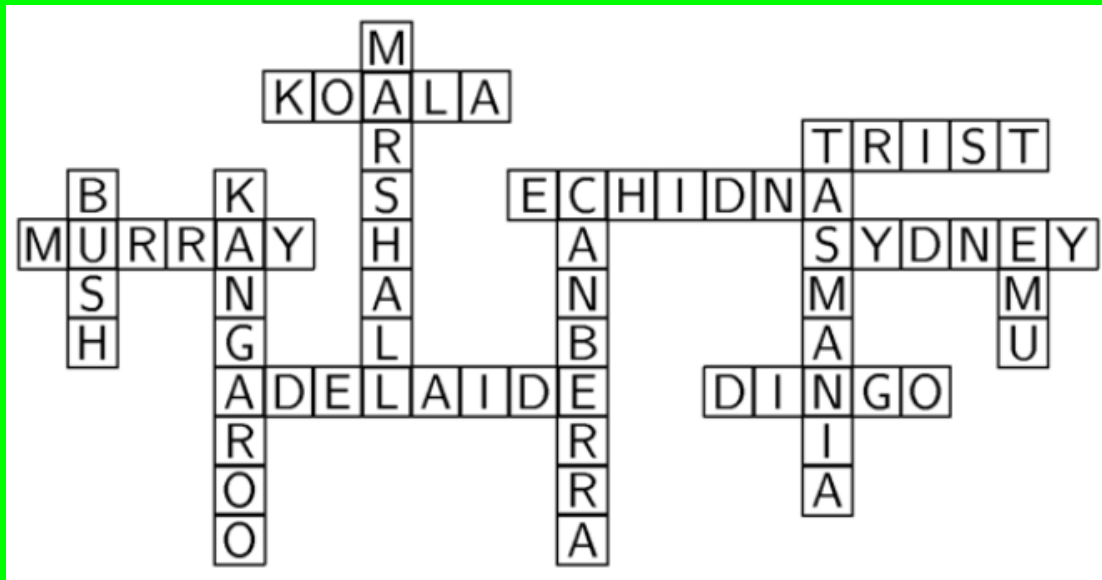
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- 2 The natural country - side in Australia.
- 3 An Australian animal, which carries its young in a special bag.
- 5 One of Australia's best known writers.
- 7 An island and state of Australia.
- 8 The largest Australian bird that cannot fly.
- 9 The federal capital of Australia.

1. [www.teachersbusy.org](http://www.teachersbusy.org)



Answers:



- obrazová příloha z galerie Smart Notebook - 1. 2. 2013

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