

Australia

Key Vocabulary:

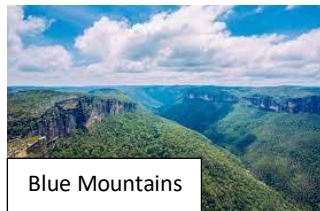
Continent	A large, solid landmass often broken down into smaller countries within the continent.
Country	Land that is controlled by a single government.
Ocean	A huge body of salt water, stretching between continents.
hemisphere	Half of a sphere. In geographical terms, it is half of the Earth.
Climate	The long-term pattern of weather.
Weather	The state of the atmosphere at any given time.
Outback	The name given to the desert land in the centre of Australia.
Desert	A landscape with little rainfall and little or no plant or animal life.
Tropical climate	Hot and humid climate most of the year.
Mediterranean climate	Hot dry summers and mild wet winters.
Tropic of Capricorn	One of 5 imaginary circles around the Earth. It marks the highest point the sun will reach in the southern hemisphere.
Population	The number of people that live in a place.
Currency	The money system used in a country.



Sydney



Outback



Blue Mountains



Uluru

Key Knowledge:

Canberra is the capital city of Australia.

Australia is a continent as well as a country and is the largest island in the world.

Famous cities in Australia are: Sydney, Perth, Melbourne, Adelaide and Brisbane.

The estimated population is 27,000,000

The currency is the Australian Dollar.

Australia is surrounded by the Pacific and Indian Oceans.

Because it is so big, Australia has tropical rainforests, mountain ranges and desert habitats. It is listed as a "megadiverse" country.

A lot of Australia's plants and animals are endemic to Australia.

Australia is part of the Commonwealth – one of 54 states that used to be part of British territory.

In Australia, English is the national language.

Australia is in the Southern Hemisphere.