



# Meadow Vale Primary School

Topic: Australia

Subject(s):  
Geography

Year: 2

## What should I already know?

- use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key human features, including city, town, village and shop
- use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries.
- use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key human features
- use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West)

## Physical features

<b>Australian Outback</b>	The outback is the large desert wilderness of Australia. It is dry and parched with few people and difficult living conditions.
<b>Animals</b>	Due to its remoteness from the rest of the world many animals can be found nowhere else. E.g. koalas, kangaroos and dingoes. Many animals are dangerous, including poisonous snakes, spiders and crocodiles.
<b>Ayers Rock</b>	Ayers rock is a large sandstone rock formation in the centre of Australia. It is sacred to the Aboriginal people
<b>The Great Barrier Reef</b>	The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef system. The reef extends over 2,300km

## Human features

<b>Indigenous People</b>	Indigenous Australians have the longest surviving cultural history on Earth. It is between 50,000 and 60,000 years old
<b>Sydney Harbour</b>	Sydney is the oldest city in Australia. It is famous for one of the most recognisable landmarks in the world; the Sydney Opera House
<b>Threats to the Great Barrier Reef</b>	Many factors worsened by human are causing coral to disappear from the reef. Amongst these are climate changes and overfishing.



Australia is a country in the Southern hemisphere and belongs to Oceania. Australia/Oceania is the smallest of the seven continents.

The country is divided into six states.

The capital city of Australia is Canberra.



