

**BASIC QUESTIONS**

Australia's nickname?	Down Under, Oz	
Language spoken?	English	
Currency (money they use?)	Australian Dollar	
Population (how many people live there?)	25 million	
Which side of the road do they drive on?	left	
Capital?	Canberra	
Is it a country or a continent?	It's both, which makes it unique!	
Tell us a little bit about the Australian flag!	It's based on the British flag. The stars do represent the Southern Cross, a real constellation of stars. Another interpretation is that the stars represent Australia's territories	
Tell us about geography:	It is a diverse country, its size gives it a wide variety of landscapes, with deserts in the centre, tropical rainforests in the north-east and mountain ranges in the south-east.	
Who discovered Australia?	The Aborigines have been there first. After that: Captain Cook discovered Australia in 1770	
How is Australia connected to Great Britain?	Great Britain wanted to have the continent, because it wanted a new place for its prisoners. So they made Australia a British "colony", with the Queen of England also being the queen of Australia.	
Who is the Queen of Australia?	Same as in the UK: Elizabeth II.	
Do they have a Prime Minister?	Scott Morrison.	
Instrument of the Aborigines?	Didgeridoo.	
Weapon of the Aborigines?	Boomerang.	

**YOUR TEACHER'S ALL TIME FAVOURITES**

What's so special about Koalas?

They only eat eucalyptus leaves and do not drink.

Describe the outer appearance of a kangaroo!

Kangaroos are large marsupials that are found only in Australia. They are identified by their muscular tails, strong back legs, large feet, short fur and long, pointed ears. They have a pouch to carry their offspring, also called Joeys.

What do Koalas, Wombats and kangaroos have in common?

They are all "marsupials", meaning they have a pouch!

Why is a wombat's pouch upside down?

Because they like to dig; being upside down they won't dig earth into the pouch. Which would be a bad thing because that is where they keep their babies.

What do you call a "herd" of kangaroos?

They are called mobs.

What do you call a baby kangaroo?

They are called Joeys.

What do you need to remember when being out in the Australian sun?

*Slip – slap – slop*

**Slip** on a shirt

**Slop** on sunscreen

**Slap** on a hat

**Seeking** shade and **sliding** on sunglasses is good advice.

The Australian sun is much more dangerous and people tend to get skin cancer more easily over there.

What is another name for Uluru?

Ayers Rock. Uluru is the Aboriginal name.

Would you like to climb Uluru?

*[ Explain, why it isn't allowed! ]*

**COMPLEX QUESTIONS** (with an explanation)

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**The following questions should all be answered with an explanation.  
I.e.: Why or why not. Include details!**

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Would you like to visit Australia?

What is your favorite animal?

If you could visit Australia for a day, which place would you visit?

Would you like to attend the School of the Air?

What's your favorite thing about Australia?

Would you like to live there?

How did the British treat the Aborigines? (*tip: diseases, killing; later: stolen generation*)