



Geography Plus: Australia Here We Come!

Further information: weblinks and references

Lesson 1:

Let's fly to Australia

Weblinks

Google Earth – use this to show your pupils the flight to Australia: www.google.com/earth
British Airways – find seating plans of British Airways aeroplanes:
www.britishairways.com/travel/worldt/public/en_gb

Lesson 2:

What should we do in Sydney?

Weblinks

Bing maps – view different kinds of maps and a bird's eye view: www.bing.com/maps
Google maps – use the satellite view to explore Sydney: <http://maps.google.co.uk>
Read family on tour – find out more about the places the Read family visited while on holiday:
<http://web.me.com/ianread/Readsontour/Welcome.html>
Under the sea – an IMAX 3D adventure film. For information and a trailer for the film:
www.imax.com/underthesea
Tom Barrett has written about how he used this *Under the Sea* film with his year 6 class:
<http://tbarrett.edublogs.org/2009/10/05/climate-change-and-our-sealife-topic>
Darling Harbour – for a map:
www.shfa.nsw.gov.au/content/library/documents/e97082id-c1b5-2969-b9e81686408id695.pdf
Sydney – for background information:
www.environment.nsw.gov.au/nationalparks/parkhome.aspx?id=N0039
<http://cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/aboutsydney/historyandarchives/Default.asp>
Sydney – images:
www.flickr.com/photos/primarygeography/sets/72157600250124219

References

Are we there yet? by Alison Lester (ISBN 978-0-670-88067-6)
In this story a family of Australians take a term off school to journey around Australia.

Lesson 3:

What is it like to live in Australia?

Weblinks

Google Earth – use this to locate where Ethan lives:
www.google.com/earth
Google maps – use this to locate where Ethan lives: <http://maps.google.co.uk>
Mingara – Ethan also enjoys going to this swimming pool at:
www.mingaraone.com.au/default.aspx?id=146
Hunter Valley Gardens – Ethan and Jaz really like the Storybook Garden: www.hvg.com.au
Australian Reptile Park: www.reptilepark.com.au
A PowerPoint based on a visit to the Reptile Park can be found at:
www.slideshare.net/wendyn57/travels-in-australia-day-2-we-visit-the-reptile-park
Canberra – for more information and images of Canberra: www.visitcanberra.com.au
www.flickr.com/photos/primarygeography/sets/72157610895454727/

Lesson 4:

The sun has got his hat on

Weblinks

Climate zones of Australia – a useful map on the Australian Government Bureau of Meteorology website: www.bom.gov.au/climate/envirom/travel/index.shtml
SunSmart – More advice on protection from the sun: www.cancer.org.au/cancersmartlifestyle/cancersmartlifestylefactsheets/Be_sunsmart.htm
Thredbo – For information about this snow resort and a live web-cam: www.thredbo.com.au

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Lesson 5: Surfing the waves

Weblinks

Wyrabalong National Park – for information about this national park: www.centralcoast.info/nationalparks/wyrabalong.html

Complementary colours – for information on this: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Complementary_color

Aboriginal art – For more information and examples of aboriginal art: <http://aboriginalart.com.au/culture/dreamtime2.html> and www.aboriginalartonline.com/culture/symbols.php

Bronwyn Bancroft – information about the artist and her books: www.bronwynbancroft.com

References

Malu Kangaroo by Judith Morecroft and Bronwyn Bancroft (ISBN-13: 978-1921272516)

A modern retelling about how people learnt to surf.

Lesson 6: Experiencing Uluru

Weblinks

Uluru – for information about what visitors can do in this area: www.ayersrockresort.com.au

Aboriginal people and tourism – for background teacher information download the leaflet 'Welcome to country: Respecting Indigenous Culture for travellers in Australia': www.environment.gov.au/parks/uluru/publications.html

Climbing Uluru – the leaflet *Please Don't Climb!* explains why the traditional owners would rather tourists walked around the rock than climbed on it: www.environment.gov.au/parks/uluru/publications.html

Philosophy for children – for background, courses and resources: www.sapere.org.uk

The story of Lungkata – Another version of this story written by Phil Reynolds: home.philreynolds.org.uk/travel/story.php

References

Tjarany Roughtail by Gracie Greene, Joe Tramacchi and Lucille Gill (ISBN: 978-1875641307)
This contains eight dreamtime stories from the

Kukatja people of Western Australia's remote Kimberley Region. Each story is illustrated by Aboriginal artist Lucille Gill using traditional dot paintings.

Lesson 7: Coral reef or rainforest?

Weblinks

Great Barrier Reef – for more information: <http://australia.gov.au/about-australia/australian-story/great-barrier-reef>

Images – a slide show of Electric Images Underwater of the Great Barrier Reef: www.flickr.com/photos/leonardlow/sets/72157594451583604

Scuba diving – A 10 minute amateur video of scuba-diving. The colour is dull because the sun cannot penetrate deep under the surface of the sea. Special lighting is needed to show the true colours of the coral reef and its creatures: www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4GpwCrFWYM

Aerial video – views of islands, large platforms used as bases for divers from flying from a ski plane: www.youtube.com/watch?v=7UgVN6OjFOA

Sounds of the rainforest – use these to accompany the drama activity. Download a 'taster': www.kendavismusic.com/html/rainforest_sounds_big.html or use www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLB-RsJoOkY

Jeannie Baker – gives descriptions of how she constructs artwork in her picture books: www.jeanniebaker.com

References

Where the Forest Meets the Sea by Jeannie Baker (ISBN: 978-0744513059)

A young Australian boy's father takes him by boat to a tropical rainforest. The boy explores the forest and thinks about its history and future.

Window by Jeannie Baker (ISBN: 978-0744594867)
A wordless picture book that shows the changes in the Australian bush.

The Curious Clownfish by Eric Maddern and Adrienne Kennaway (ISBN: 978-1845078720)
This story tells why clownfish live safely within the protection of anemones.