



Geography Plus: Australia Here We Come!

Glossary

Aboriginal – earliest or original inhabitants of the land

Aerial – view as seen from above or from the air

Anangu – traditional aboriginal owners

Audience – the people being addressed by an event, performance, book, film or play

Beach – an accumulation of sand and shingle material at a coast or at the edge of a body of water

Bush – a rural area in Australia, also called the Outback; anywhere that is not in town

City – an urban area where a large number of people live and work

Coast – the land beside the sea

Coral reef – offshore accumulation of dead coral, usually with live coral on top

Desert – an area of land with an annual rainfall of 250mm or less

Dreamtime – The time of the creation of the world in Aboriginal mythology

Harbour – a port where ships can safely shelter while they take on or unload cargo

Ice – frozen water

Journey – travelling from one place to another

Lake – an inland body of fresh water

Landmark – a prominent, identifying feature of a landscape

Leisure – time free from work or other commitments to engage in recreational activities

Mountain – a natural, large elevation of Earth's surface rising abruptly from the surrounding area. In Britain this normally refers to an elevation exceeding 600m above sea level

Ocean – a large expanse of sea. The five main oceans are the Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Arctic and Southern Oceans. They cover 71% of Earth's surface

Patterns – repeated decorative designs

Print – to create a picture or design using inked blocks or plates

Purpose – intention, or something to be attained

Rainforest – a dense forest, comprising tall trees, growing in areas of very high rainfall. Rainforest is found in some temperate regions but is most typical of tropical regions

Resort – a place frequented by people for relaxation or recreation

Route – a road, course, or way for travel from one place to another

Sail shades – sail-shaped covers used outdoors to provide shelter from the sun and rain

Satellite view – view as seen from above or from a satellite

Sea – a body of salt water

Settlement – any form of human habitation, even a single dwelling, though usually applied to a group of dwellings

Snow – precipitation frozen into ice crystals that falls to earth in light white flakes

Sun – the star at the centre of our solar system around which Earth and seven other planets orbit

Surf – the foaming water produced by a powerful wave as it breaks on the rocks or the seashore

Tourism – the business of providing facilities and amenities for those travelling or staying in places for a relatively limited period of leisure time

Tropical – applying to the tropics, that is those areas of Earth that lie between latitude 23°30'N and 23°30'S

Uluru – also known as Ayers Rock, a large sandstone rock formation in the southern part of Australia's Northern Territory

Village – a small group of houses and other buildings in a rural area

Waves – ridges of water resulting from the wind blowing over the surface of the sea