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The land down under!



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# WELCOME TO AUSTRALIA

Did you know that Australia was first called 'New Holland'? Well that was because Dutch explorers landed on the fine Aussie shores in 1606, so therefore 'New Holland' became its name as this was now their second home.

Then the British arrived in 1788 and set up the first ever colony. Amazingly the British sent criminals to Australia as punishment many, many years ago, and this little bit of history still lives with Australia today.

The name Australia was given to the country in 1824. It comes from the word 'terra australis incognita' that means 'unknown southern island'.



Passport  
Stamps

## AUSTRALIA FUN FACTS

Australia is home to many unique animals, including the koala, kangaroo, emu, kookaburra and platypus. There are over 750 reptile species, more than any other country. Some, like the tiger snake, brown snake, and taipan, are very dangerous and some harmless. Australia is also home to 2,500 kinds of spiders. About 50 of these are poisonous.

Australians have tried to keep out certain animals in various parts of the country. In 1885, they built the dingo fence in Southeast Australia. It is 5,614 kilometers or 3,488 miles long! Then in 1907, they built a rabbit-proof fence in Western Australia that was 3,253 kilometers or 2,021 miles long.

In Australia, Kangaroos are also known as 'roos and you'll see them in the wild, and even on the beach. You'll also see wild camels. Over a million of them live in the outback.

Australia is home to the Great Barrier Reef is only slightly smaller than Germany or the state of Montana. Over 1,500 kinds of fish, including Nemo's family, clownfish, live there. The reef is big enough to be seen from space!

You'll find the largest cattle ranches in the world in Australia - yup - even bigger than in Texas. These cattle ranches are often called stations. The biggest about the size of the state of Vermont and bigger than the country of Israel! Australians also raise sheep on huge sheep stations.

Australia was originally inhabited by aboriginal people. Europeans arrived much more recently. In 1770, the British claimed the continent for their queen. In a few years, they started sending British prisoners to Australia. Between 1788 and 1868, they sent about 162,000 convicts there. About twenty percent of Australians today are descendants of British prisoners!

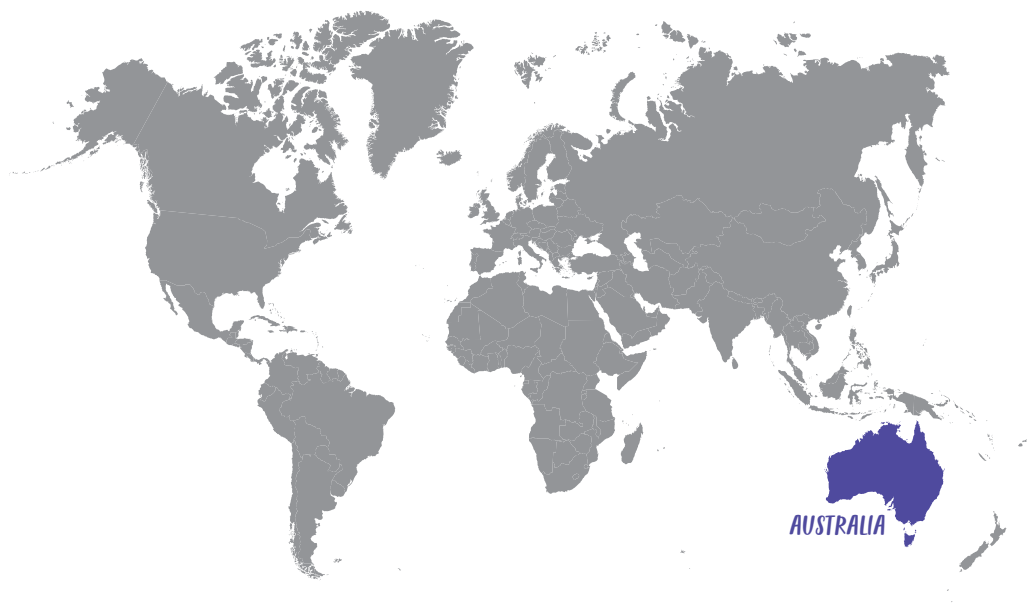
The name 'Australia' comes from the Latin word 'australis', which means southern.



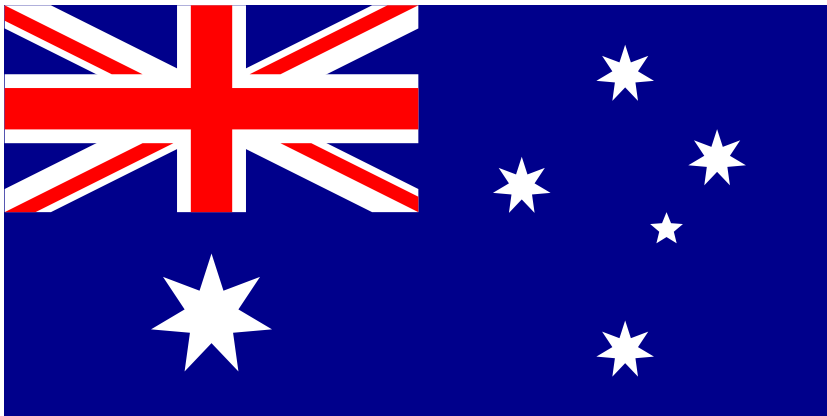
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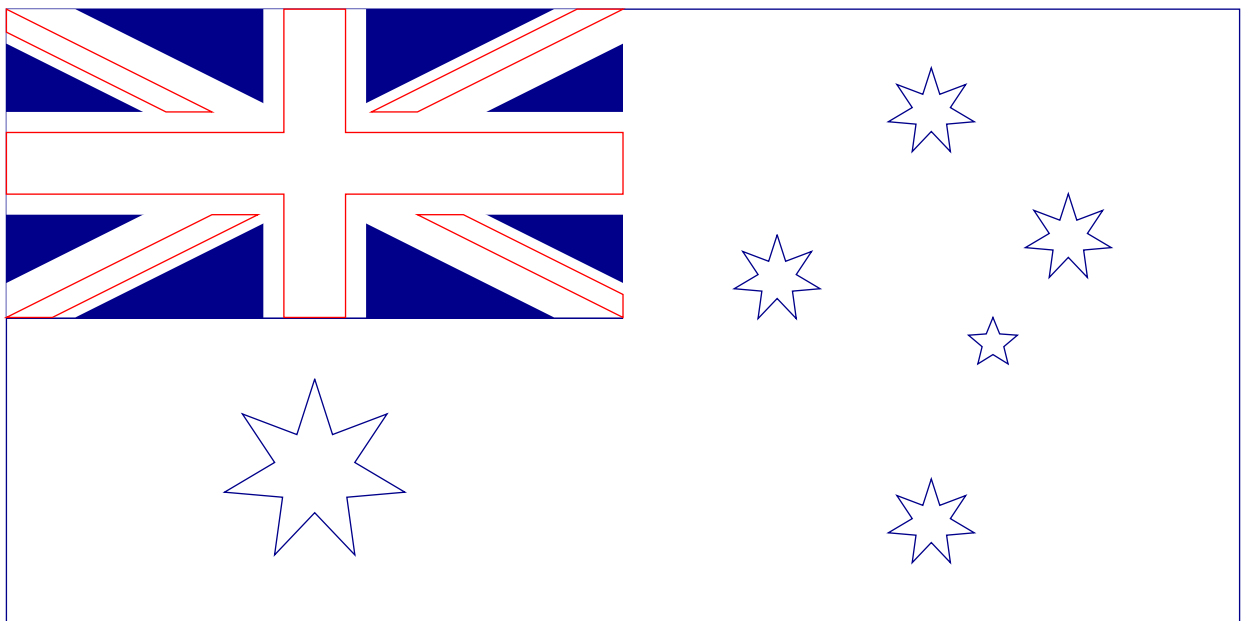
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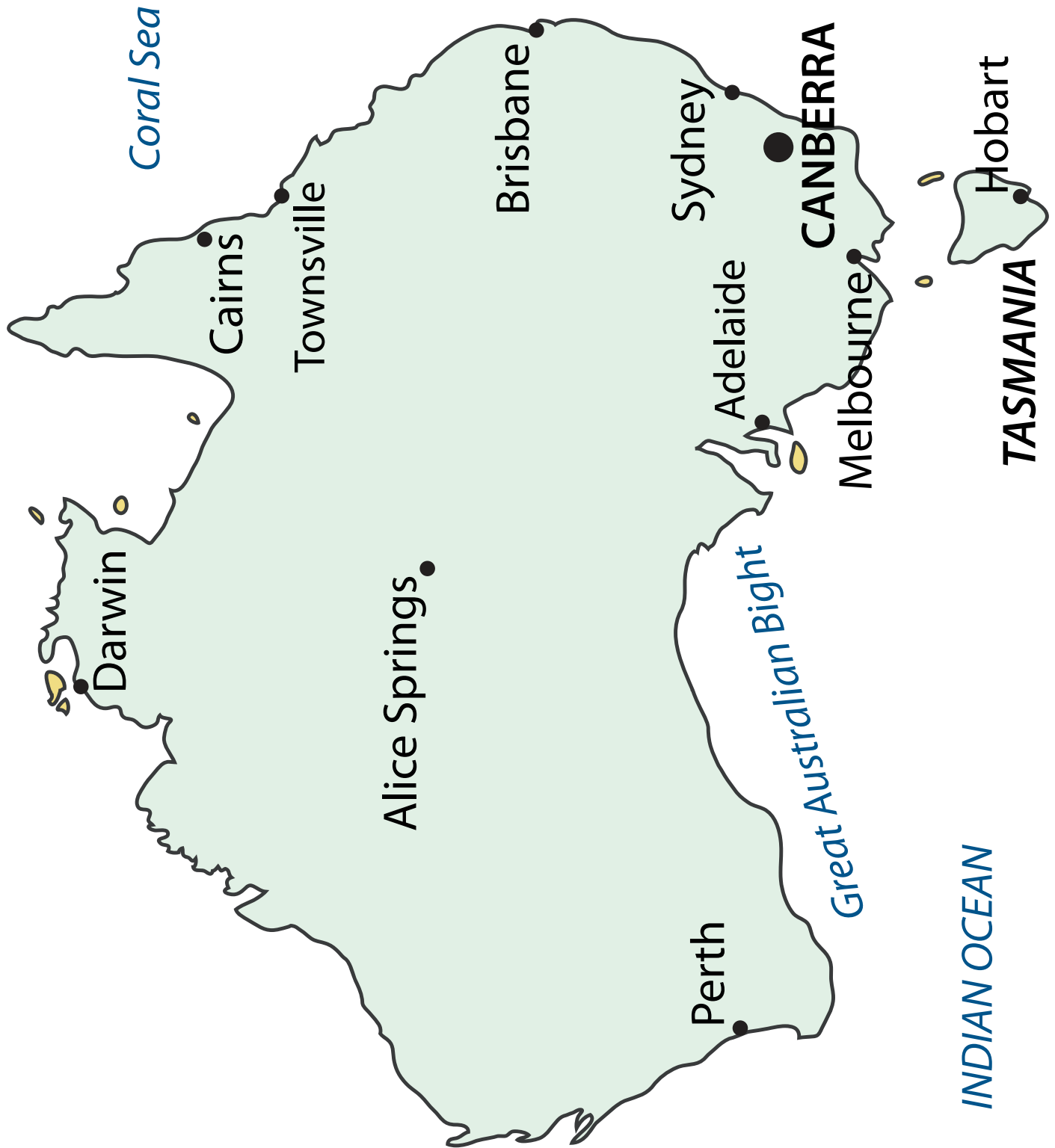
## FLAG OF AUSTRALIA



The flag of Australia is based on the British maritime Blue Ensign - blue with the Union Jack in the upper left section.  
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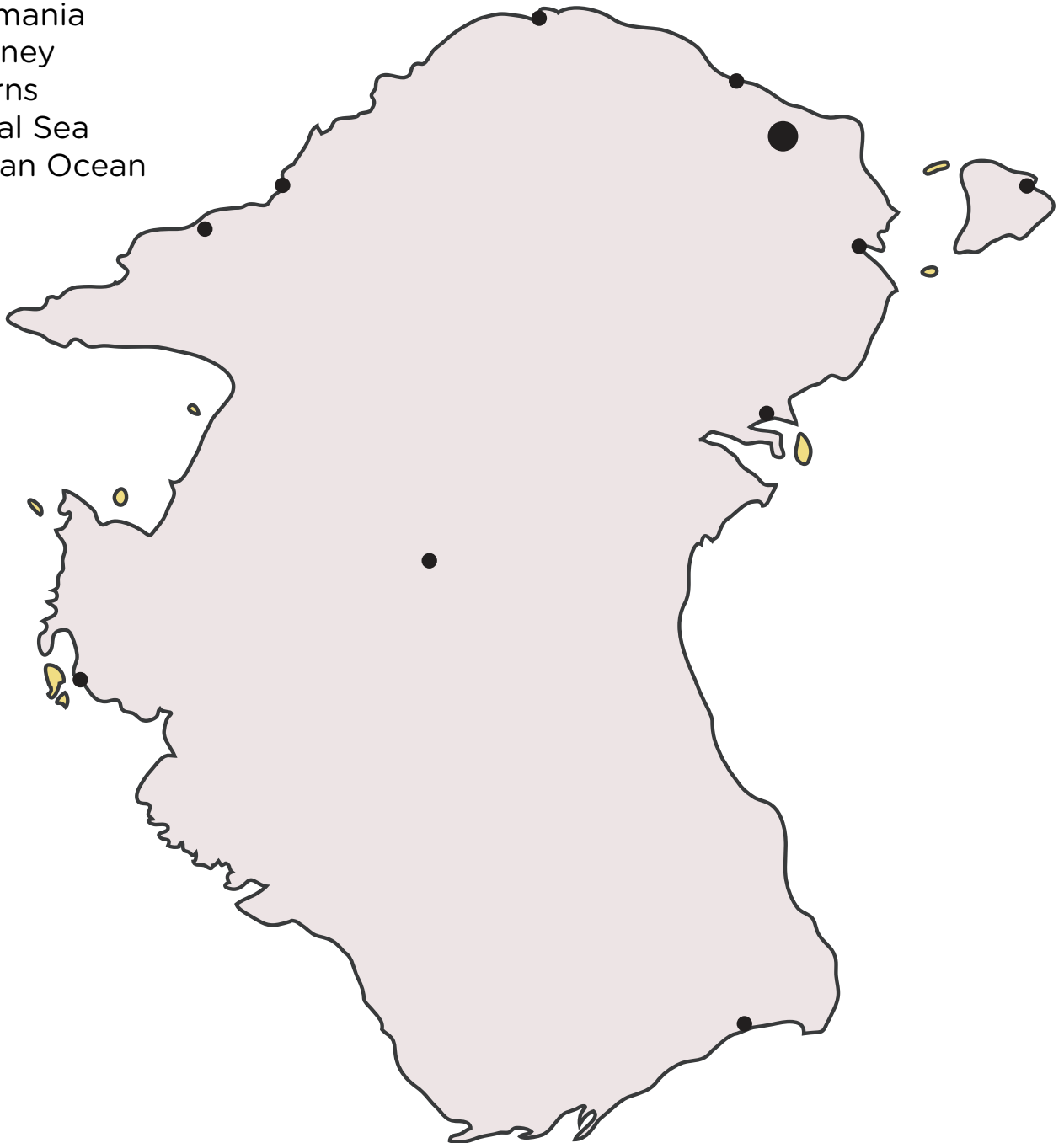


# MAP OF AUSTRALIA



## FILL IN THE PLACES ON THE MAP

Canberra  
Perth  
Brisbane  
Melbourne  
Tasmania  
Sydney  
Cairns  
Coral Sea  
Indian Ocean





# AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS



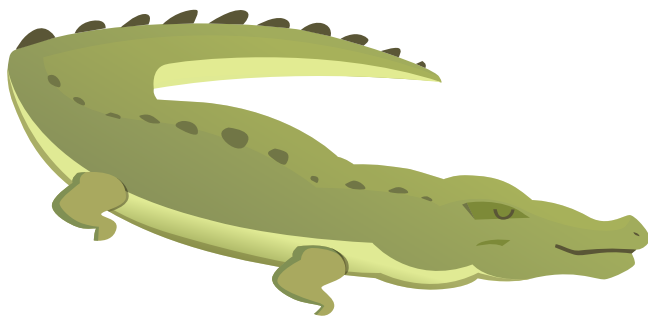
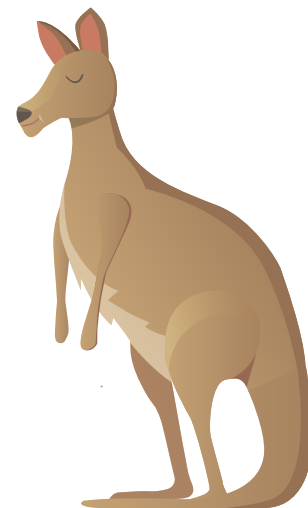
KOALA



DUCK-BILLED PLATYPUS



KANGAROO



CROCODILE



RAINBOW LORIKEET





# KOOKABURRA COLORING PAGE



# AUSTRALIAN CUISINE

You can't tell anyone you're Australian unless you've eaten a meat pie. Flaky pastry filled with tender meat and gravy.



Damper is soda bread made from wheat flour, water, baking soda and a pinch of salt. It was the food of roadworkers who baked it by the side of the road on the coals of a campfire

Pavlova is a meringue-based dessert with a crisp crust and a soft, light inside, decorated with whipped cream and fresh strawberries.



Hamburger with beetroot  
You can eat burgers all over the world, but nothing is more Australian than slinging a piece of beetroot on top a pattie made with Aussie beef.

A lamb roast is delicious with garlic, rosemary and olive oil, baked potatoes and gravy

Lamingtons  
The "National Cake of Australia."  
Square-shaped sponge cake is coated in a layer of chocolate icing and desiccated coconut.



A kangaroo steak is a delicacy in Australia.



A dark, savory food paste made from yeast extract. Spread it lightly on toast.

# AUSTRALIAN SLANG

'G'day Mate' is a greeting.

G'day means hello.

' 'ow ya goin?' means how are you?

'blokes' are guys.

'No worries' is an expression to mean 'you're welcome',

'it's not a problem', or 'it's OK'.

'Cheers' means goodbye or thanks.

'Barbie' refers to a barbecue.

'Arvo' for afternoon:

"Wanna come down to the beach this arvo for a swim?"

Australians sometimes use opposite expressions, like Bluey is a red-headed person, Stretch for a short person.

Shorty for a tall person.

Rowdy for a quiet person.

Curly for a bald person.

'Maccas' is their term for McDonald's.

'Put a sock in it' is to tell somebody to "be quiet."

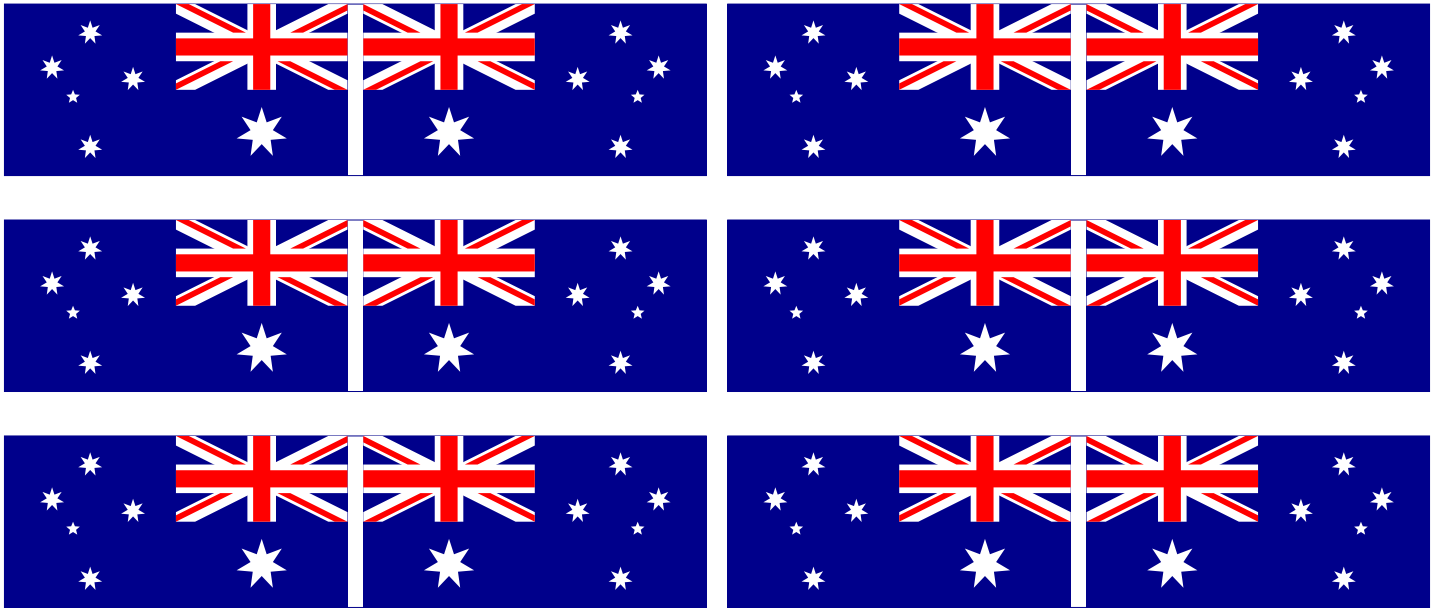
Blokes and sheilas are guys and girls, or men and women.

A chook is a chicken.



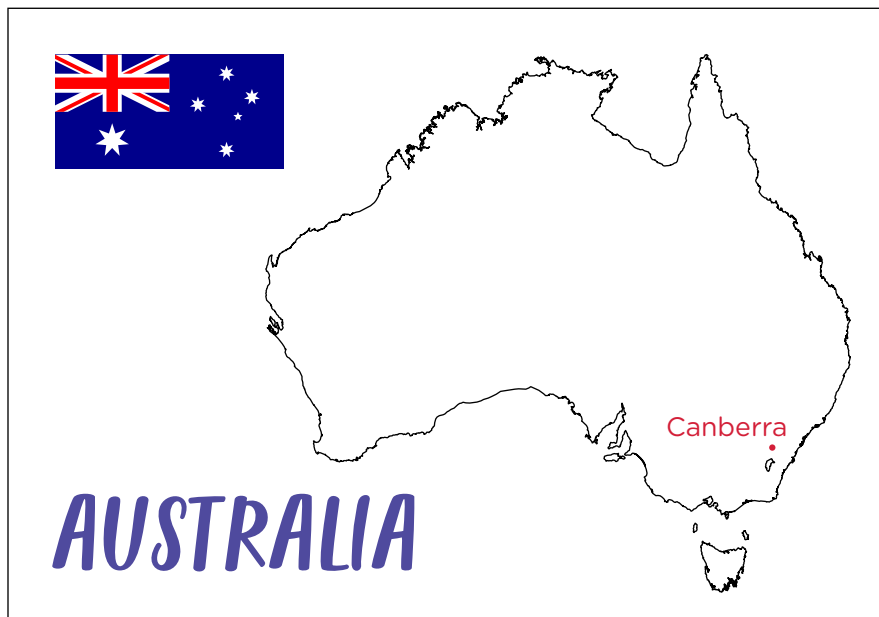
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## DECORATIVE FLAGS FOR YOUR AUSTRALAI MEAL

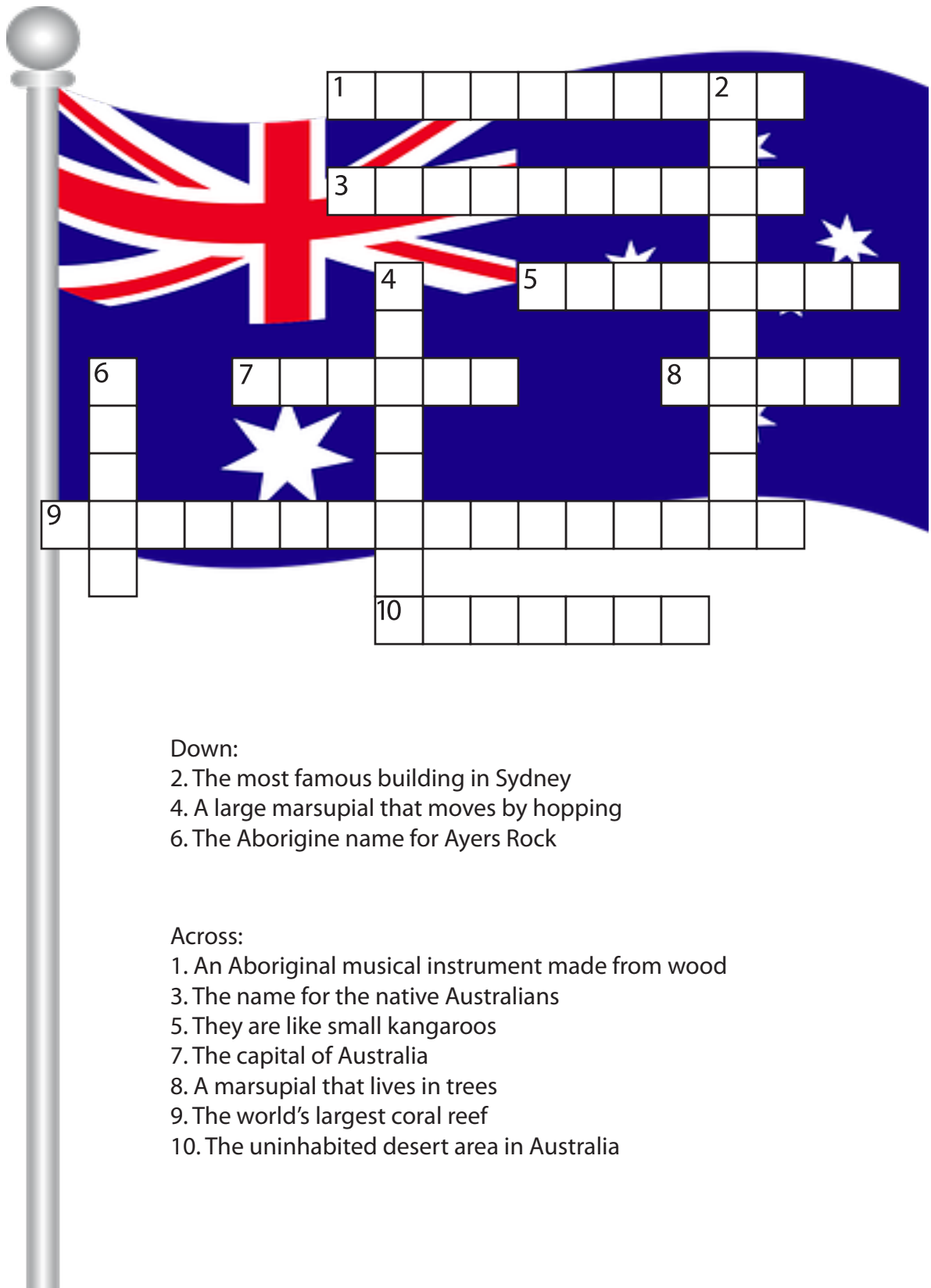


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Cut around each set of two flags - fold over toothpicks to make a flags



# AUSTRALIA CROSSWORD



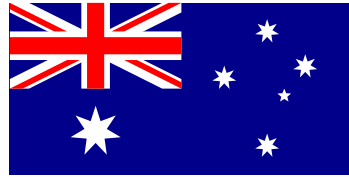
Down:

2. The most famous building in Sydney
4. A large marsupial that moves by hopping
6. The Aborigine name for Ayers Rock

Across:

1. An Aboriginal musical instrument made from wood
3. The name for the native Australians
5. They are like small kangaroos
7. The capital of Australia
8. A marsupial that lives in trees
9. The world's largest coral reef
10. The uninhabited desert area in Australia

# AUSTRALIA



Write a fun fact about Australia.

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Draw a didgeridoo.

Write about a city in Australia.

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Write about or draw your favorite Australian animal.

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