

## Activity : Find and highlight all the numbers in the text

TIMESAVER READ &amp; REACT elementary

# Australia

Australia is the sixth largest country in the world. It's thirty-one times bigger than Great Britain but only seventeen million people live there (fifty-seven million people live in Great Britain).

## THE OUTBACK

Seventy percent of Australia is hot dry land called 'the outback'. It's easy to get lost in the outback because there aren't many people, cars or buildings. It's hot and you must always have water if you travel. Kids in the outback can't go to school. They have lessons on the radio. There are thirteen 'flying doctor centres' in Australia. The flying doctors fly in small planes or helicopters to visit sick people.

## ABORIGINES

They are the original people of Australia. Some tribes are sixty thousand years old. They play the didgeridoo (a big wooden pipe) and hunt with a boomerang. Their 'holy place' is Ayers Rock. It's in the middle of Australia and it's three kilometres long and three hundred and forty-eight metres high. The Aborigine word for it is 'Uluru'. There are caves in the Rock with Aboriginal paintings.

## SURFING

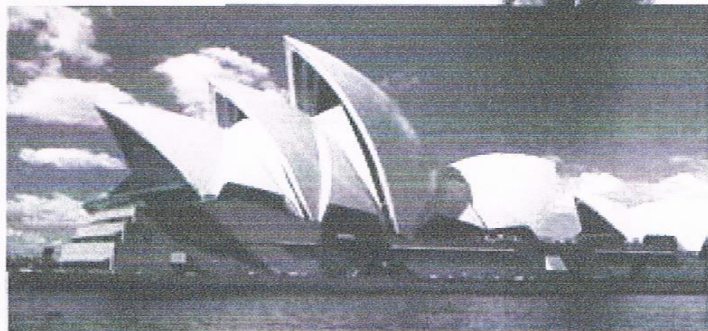
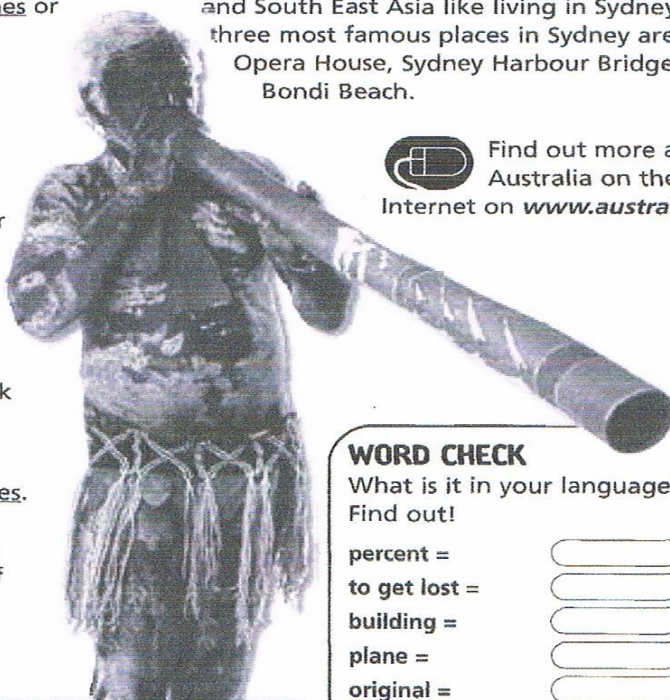
Australia is famous for its big waves. The waves are big but they are dangerous and there are sharks in the water too. People mustn't surf when they see a red flag on the beach.

## SYDNEY

Eighty-seven percent of Australian people think that Sydney is the best city in the world. It's twice as big as New York but only three million people live there. Sydney is the sunniest city in Australia. There are usually only twenty-three days a year without sun. It's an international city and people from Europe, the Middle East and South East Asia like living in Sydney. The three most famous places in Sydney are the Opera House, Sydney Harbour Bridge and Bondi Beach.



Find out more about Australia on the Internet on [www.australia.com](http://www.australia.com)



## WORD CHECK

What is it in your language?  
Find out!

percent =	<input type="text"/>
to get lost =	<input type="text"/>
building =	<input type="text"/>
plane =	<input type="text"/>
original =	<input type="text"/>
tribe =	<input type="text"/>
wooden =	<input type="text"/>
pipe =	<input type="text"/>
cave =	<input type="text"/>
painting =	<input type="text"/>
wave =	<input type="text"/>
dangerous =	<input type="text"/>
shark =	<input type="text"/>
sunniest/sunny =	<input type="text"/>

(match numbers in the text to its definition)

**There is one extra number and that is the post code for Sydney. When you work out which number it is, write it at the bottom of the exercise.**

a	23	1	the percent of desert land in Australia
b	3	2	the height in metres of Ayers Rock
c	13	3	the position of Australia in a list of large countries of the world
d	348	4	the population of Sydney
e	6th	5	the number of times Australia is bigger than Great Britain
f	31	6	the number of centres where flying doctors have their bases
g	2	7	the population of Great Britain
h	60,000	8	the number of times Sydney is bigger than New York
i	70	9	the percent of Australians who think Sydney is the best city in the world
j	2000	10	the length in kilometres of Ayers Rock
k	57,000,000	11	the age of some of the Aborigine tribes
l	3,000,000	12	the population of Australia
m	17,000,000	12	the number of days a year without rain in Sydney
n	87		

The post code for Sydney is \_\_\_\_\_

## EXTRA EXERCISES

### 1-Complete the sentences with **superlatives** of the words in brackets.

- David is \_\_\_\_\_ (nice) of the three brothers.
- Why do you always buy \_\_\_\_\_ (expensive) dress in the shop?
- What's \_\_\_\_\_ (quick) way to get to the town centre?
- I think Venice is \_\_\_\_\_ (beautiful) city in the world.
- Sarah is \_\_\_\_\_ (friendly) girl in my office.
- Chemistry is my \_\_\_\_\_ (bad) subject.
- I think Imagine is \_\_\_\_\_ (good) song John Lennon wrote.

### 2-Complete the sentences with the correct form of **Past simple**.

- Kate \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a fantastic new computer game yesterday.
- How old were you when you \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) school?
- Bob \_\_\_\_\_ (come) to football practice on Tuesday - he was ill.
- The journey was very long, so we \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) for dinner.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (know) all the answers in the history exam!
- They \_\_\_\_\_ (play) video games all night long!
- She \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to go to the cinema.
- It \_\_\_\_\_ (become) very interesting in the end!