



Geography Knowledge Organiser	Term 3		Australia
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Key Vocabulary	Significant People
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Continent: a large area of land.
 Capital city: home to the country's leaders.
 River: water flowing downhill towards a lake or the sea.
 Ocean: large body of water.
 Mountains: high areas of land.
 Desert: hot and dry habitat.
 Beach: land of sand, shingle or pebbles along the ocean.
 Forest: land dominated by trees.
 Rainforest: warm and wet climate where green plants grow.
 Bush: wild land.
 Coastline: where the sea meets the land.

Indigenous Australians were the first people to live in Australia. They used weapons like spears and boomerangs to hunt animals, such as kangaroos and emus. They also gathered fruit, honey and eggs. They have unique art and pass their history on through songs and stories.



Aboriginal art – made from dots.

Key Places

Oceania: Australia is on the continent of Oceania.
 Canberra: capital city of Australia.
 Murray River: the longest river in Australia measuring 2,508km.
 Indian Ocean and Pacific Ocean: surround Australia.
 Mount Kosciuszko: the highest peak in Australia measuring 2,228 metres.

Great Victoria Desert: largest desert in Australia.
 Bondi Beach: near Sydney.
 Sydney Harbour Bridge: people can climb to the top of it.
 Uluru: rock of sandstone.
 Barrier reef: the largest coral reef in the world.

Important Facts

Australia is an island country in the Southern hemisphere, on the continent Oceania. The country is divided into six states. Most of the population live in the East, the South and along the coastline.

Language: English.
 National animal: kangaroo and emu.
 Flag: features a Union Jack and Federation stars.

