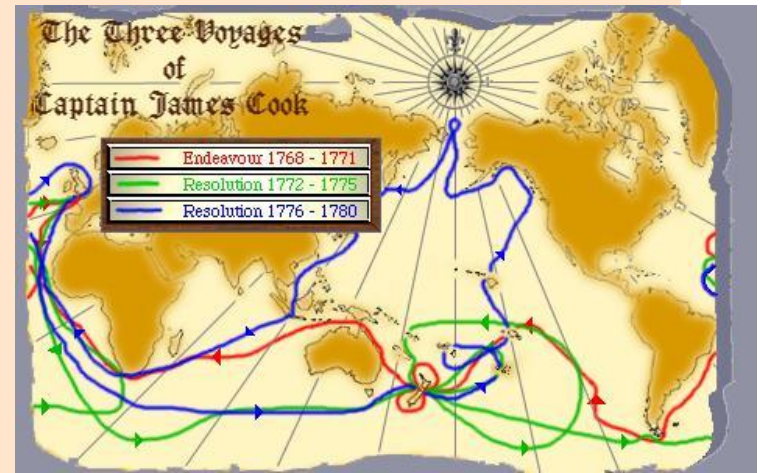




# English-speaking countries. Australia



# Geography

**The continent of Australia, with the island state of Tasmania, is approximately equal in area to the United States (excluding Alaska and Hawaii).**

**Mountain ranges run from north to south along the east coast, reaching their highest point in Mount Kosciusko (7,308 ft; 2,228 m). The western half of the continent is occupied by a desert plateau that rises into barren, rolling hills near the west coast. The Great Barrier Reef, extending about 1,245 mi (2,000 km), lies along the northeast coast. The island of Tasmania (26,178 sq mi; 67,800 sq km) is off the southeast coast.**

# History

- **The first inhabitants of Australia were the Aborigines, who migrated there at least 40,000 years ago from Southeast Asia. There may have been between a half million to a full million Aborigines at the time of European settlement; today about 350,000 live in Australia.**

# History

- **Dutch, Portuguese, and Spanish ships sighted Australia in the 17th century; the Dutch landed at the Gulf of Carpentaria in 1606. In 1616 the territory became known as New Holland.**

# History



**In 1770, James Cook sailed along and mapped the east coast of Australia, which he named New South Wales and claimed for Great Britain**



# James Cook

**Born** 7 November 1728

Marton, Yorkshire, England

**Died** 14 February 1779, Hawaii  
(aged 50)

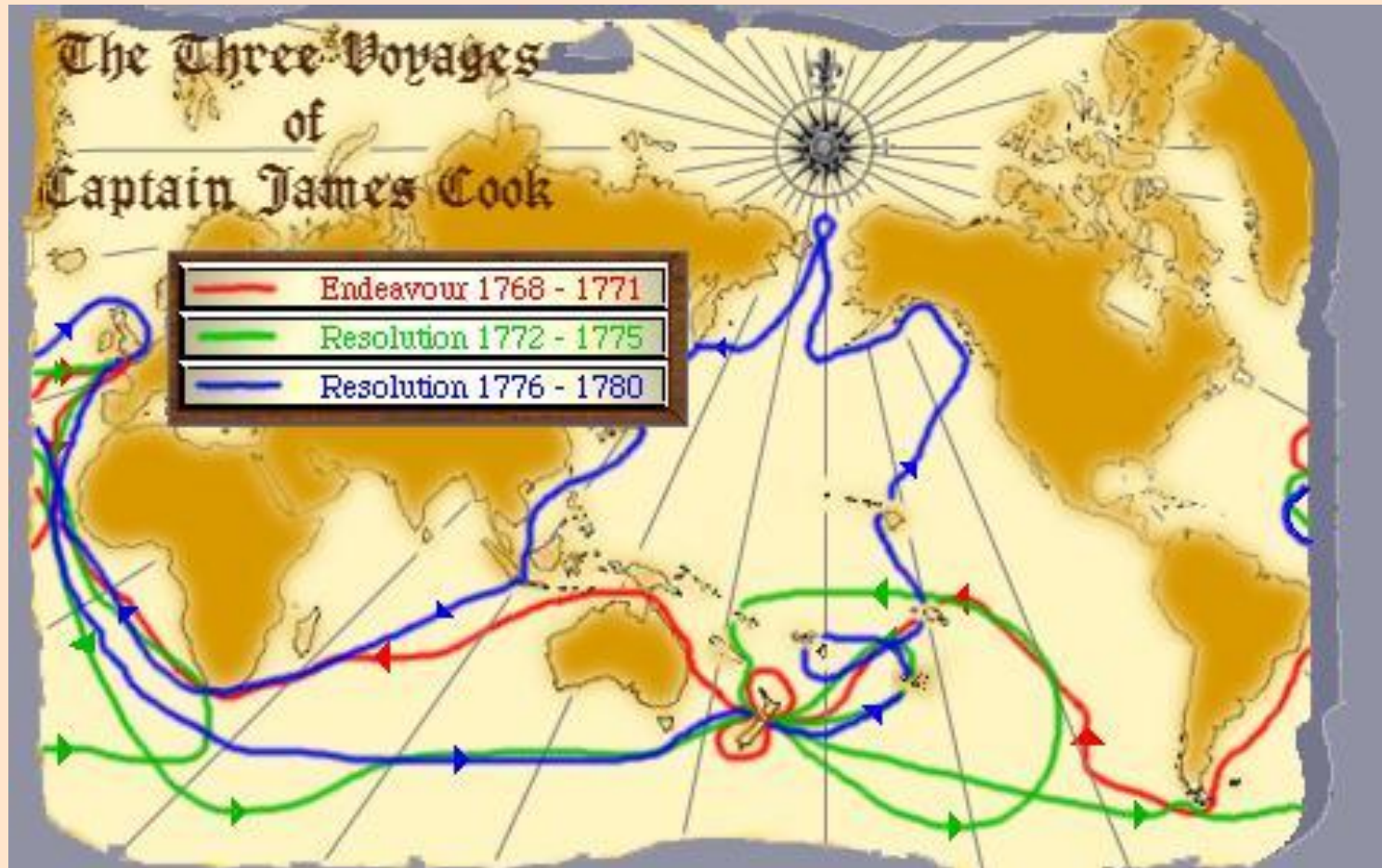
**Occupation**

Explorer, navigator, cartographer

**Title** Captain

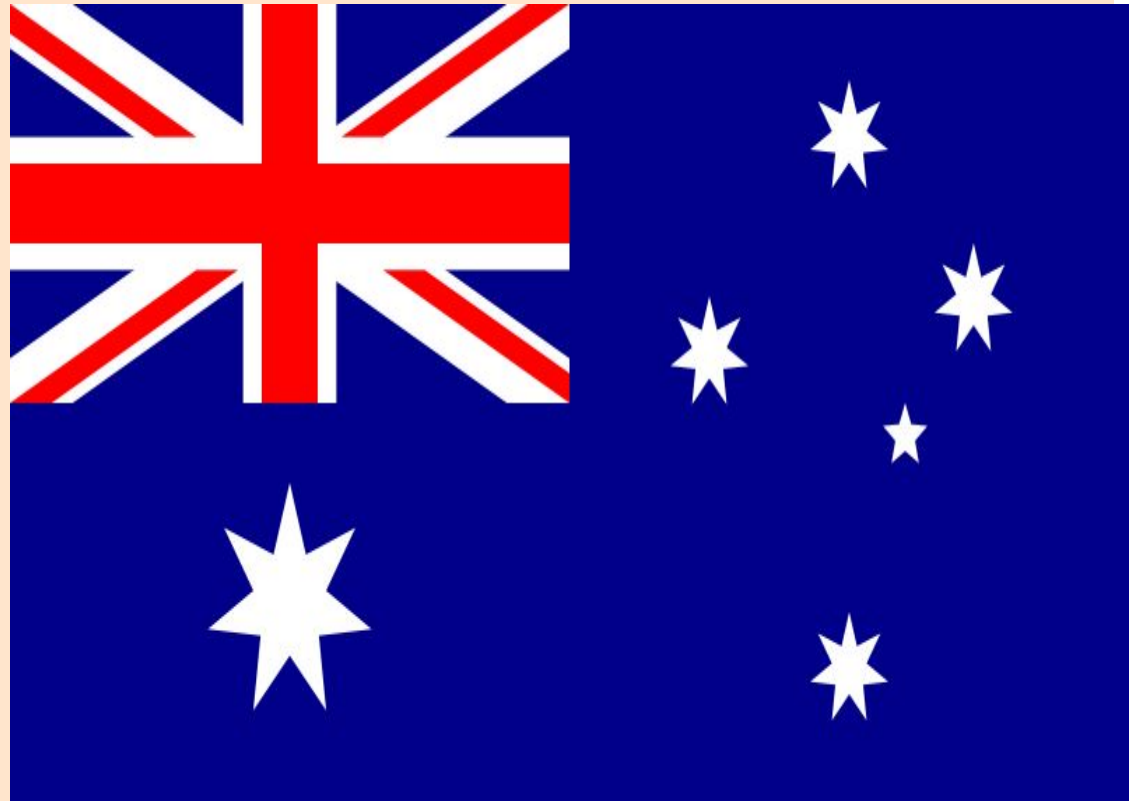


# James Cook voyages



# Commonwealth

**Australian Flag**





# Australia's heraldic animals



**The Red Kangaroo is the largest and one of Australia's heraldic animals, appearing with the Emu on the Coat of Arms of Australia.**

# Australia's heraldic animals

Emu



# Coat of arms of Australia



# Coat of arms of Australia

The Coat of Arms out the front of Parliament House, Canberra





# **Australian Animals**



- **The Tasmanian Tiger became extinct in 1936.**





**What else?**



# **Australian Cities**

# Melbourne, Sydney






**What else?**

# **Australian English**

## **The origin of Australian English**

- The anglophone Australia and New Zealand are two of the youngest nations in the world. The first Europeans who took their residence in Australia came 205 years ago. They did not come because they wanted to. Australia was founded as a penal colony.**



**Here you will find words  
which have different  
meanings  
or are spelled differently in  
British and Australian  
English.**



# **British - Australian English**

- **a good job**                      **a good lurk**
- **Absolutely!**                      **Reckon!**
- **accident**                      **prang**
- **afternoon**                      **arvo**
- **alcohol**                      **grog**
- **American**                      **Yank**

# **British - Australian English**

- **banana**                      **nana**
- **beer**                         **amber (fluid)**
- **biscuit**                      **Bickie**
- **chicken**                    **chook**
- **chocolate**                **chokkie**
- **Christmas**                **Chrissie**
- **criminal**                   **bushranger**

# **British - Australian English**

- **information**                      **oil**
- **it**                                      **she**
- **it's fine**                              **she's apples**
- **tea kettle**                              **Billie**
- **teacher**                              **chalkie**
- **Well done!**                              **Good on ya!**



**What else?**