

# ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES





# Australia

the smallest continent  
the largest island



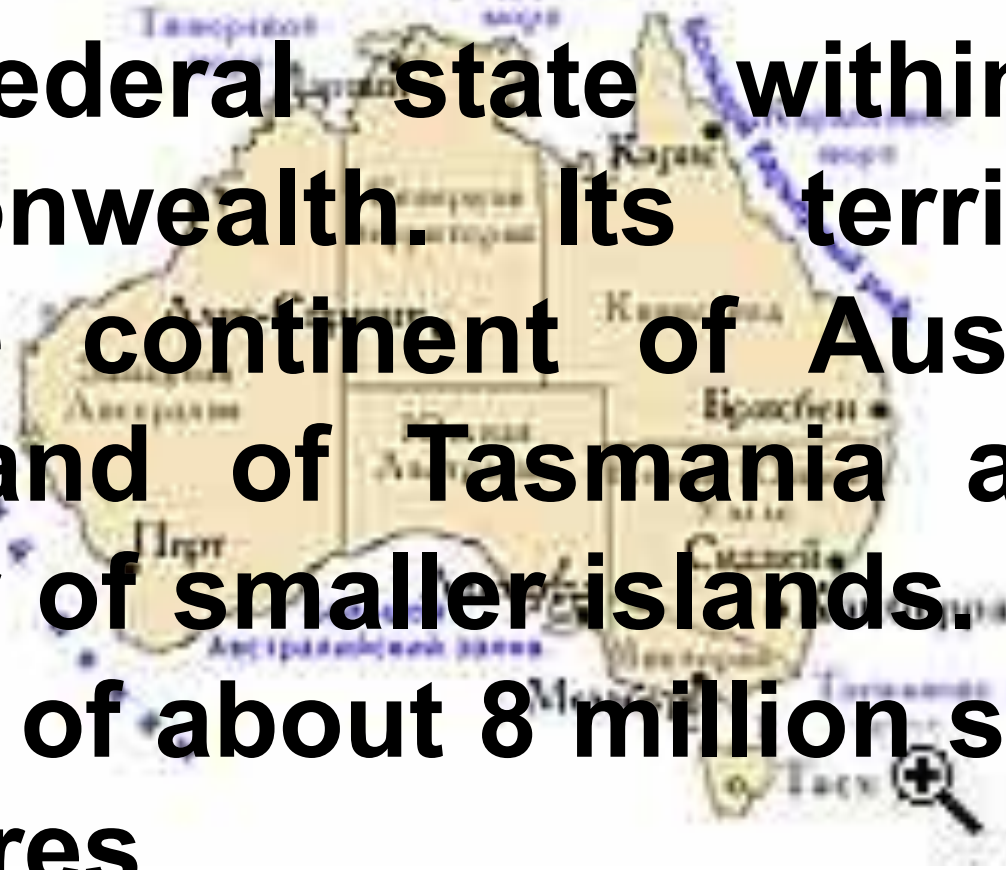
the Pacific Ocean  
the Indian Ocean



# The Commonwealth of AUSTRALIA



**The Commonwealth of Australia is a federal state within the Commonwealth. Its territories are the continent of Australia, the island of Tasmania and a number of smaller islands. It has an area of about 8 million square kilometres.**





**It is the world's largest island  
and its smallest continent.**



# History of Australia

- The east coast of Australia was discovered by Captain Cook in 1770.





1. What part of Australia was first used as a colony?
2. How did the early settlers behave towards the aborigines?
3. Why did very many people go to Australia after 1851?
4. When was the new nation born in Australia?



- **The capital of Australia is Canberra**

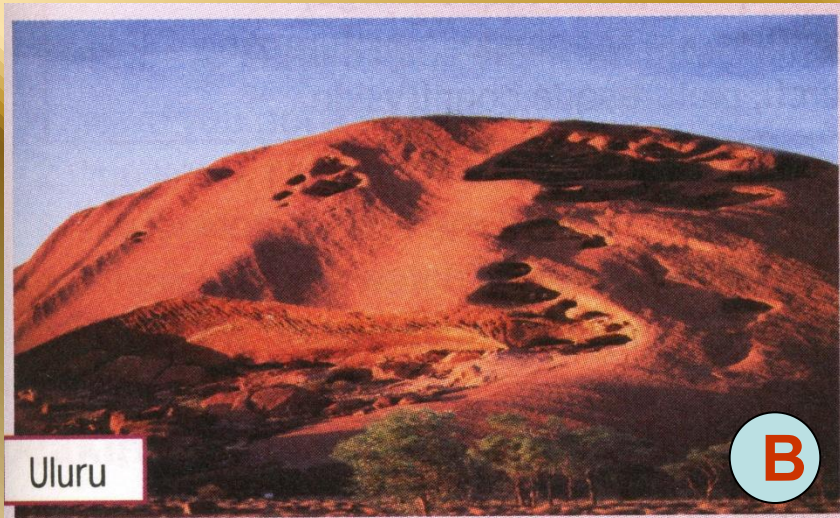


**There are 5 big cities in Australia:  
Sydney,  
Melbourne,  
Adelaide, Perth  
and Brisbane.**



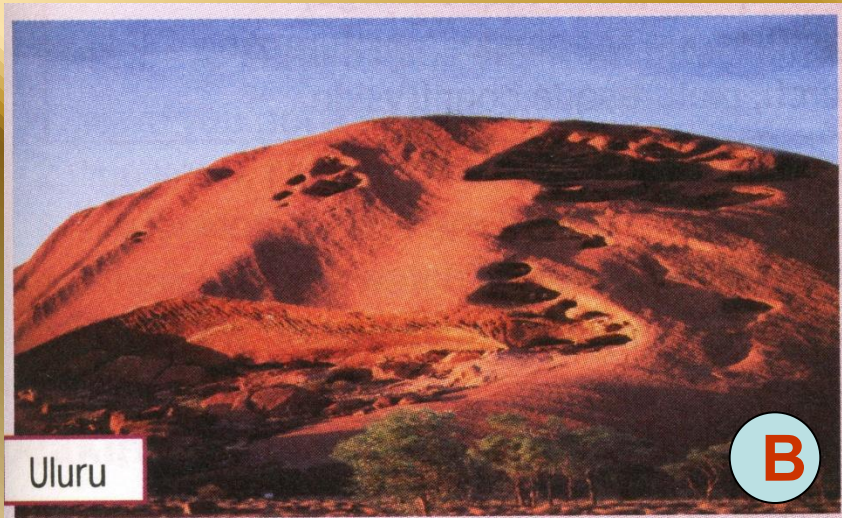
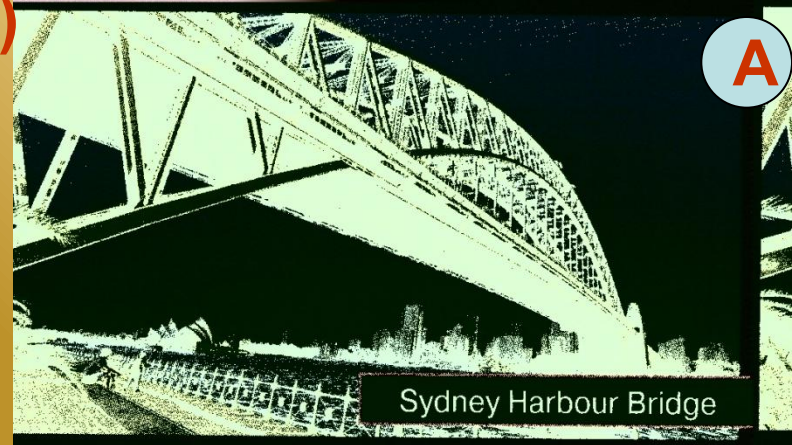
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5. to do sports (A,C)
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- Australia is sometimes called the Land Down Under.

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- The few rivers play an especially important role in people's lives.

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- The island's wildlife is so unique today.



- **By whom was Australia discovered and when was it happened?**
- **When was the birth of the new nation celebrated?**
- **What is the official name of Australia?**
- **What landscape is typical of Australia?**
- **Name the greatest rivers of Australia?**
- **What animals live in Australia?**
- **Name big cities of Australia.**
- **What is the capital of Australia?**



Your home task is: to find information about Australia while doing ex.1-2 at p.36 (workbooks, U.5, L.1-2).

- **The continent is located south of the Equator.**



- New Year is in the middle of summer, the middle of winter is in June, and the winter months are never cold.
- Hot winds blow from the north, cold winds blow from the south.



**Much of the land is a useless  
desert. Great deserts cover  
nearly 2 mln sq kms.**

**The people suffer from limited  
fresh water.**



Australia became cut off from the rest of the world.

