

# Australia - Year 6 - Term 6



The world's largest coral reef is the Great Barrier Reef. It is home to many endangered and vulnerable species including whales, dolphins, turtles and porpoises.

Because of its remote location, Australia has a unique ecosystem. Many animal species can only be found in Australia such as the platypus, koala and kangaroo.

Uluru (or Ayers Rock) is a sacred natural rock. It is located in a flat red-soil desert called the Red Centre. It stands at 335 metres tall and is one of the largest rocks in the world.

Aboriginal people are thought to be the oldest civilisation in the world. DNA dates their origins to more than 50,000 years ago. Aboriginal people were nomadic and lived off the land.

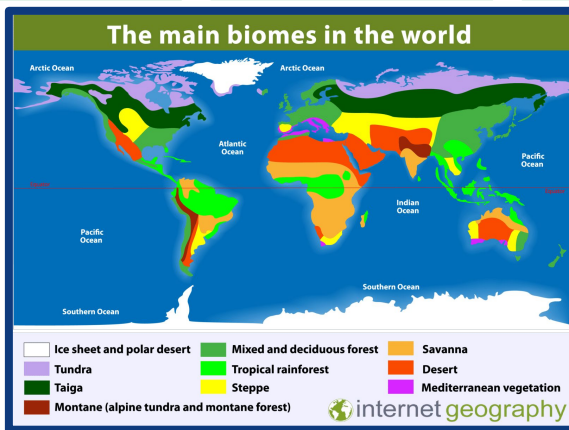
Australia is the driest inhabited continent. Around 18% of the country is desert biome.

The phrase 'Ten Pound Poms' is used to describe the Britains who emigrated to Australia following World War II. The Australian government offered an assisted scheme to help people to re-locate.

## What do you already know?



- The location of continents around the World.
- Examples of different biomes around the World.
- The impact of climate change upon the environment.



## Vocabulary



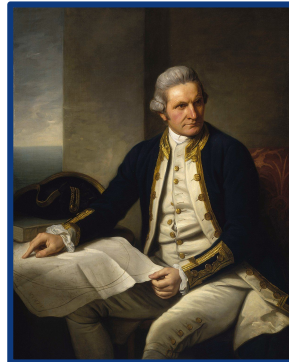
desert	An area of land that receives no more than 25cm of rain a year.
biome	An area classified according to the species that live in that area.
ocean	A vast expanse of sea.
coral reef	A ridge or rock in the sea formed by the growth and deposit of coral.
The Great Barrier Reef	A sight of remarkable beauty on the North East coast of Australia.
Aboriginal	The indigenous people of Australia before the arrival of colonists.
indigenous	Originating or occurring naturally in a place.
colonies	A settler or inhabitant of a colony.
citizen	A legally recognised inhabitant of a particular town or city.
Anzac Day	The National Day of remembrance in Australia.



The three flags of Australia



The Great Barrier Reef



Captain James Cook

